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## Scott's Steel Casting Apparatus.

The handling of the large masses of liquid metal which the increasing production of modern steel-making plants is rendering a matter of hitherto unparalleled magnitude, forces engineers to closely study all details which might insure enhanced precision and rapidity of work.

American engineers have grappled with the problem very successfully by using large molds, casting heavy ingots, and adapting the rolling and other plant to the altered conditions. In England the tendency has hitherto been to cast the ingots more nearly of the size of the finished product. Although in most cases the American method seems preferable, there are circumstances in which it may be advantageous to multiply the number and decrease the size of molds, and for such emergencies Scott's steel casting apparatus, of which we present a series of illustrations to our readers, is well adapted. The apparatus has as yet been applied only to Siemens open-hearth furnaces, for which it seems destined to acquire a wider range of utility than is apparently open to it for Bessemer pits. The engravings, Figs. 1 and 2, represent, with some minor differences, the apparatus as applied with Dr. Siemens' approval to two 10-ton furnaces at the Railway Steel Works, near Manchester, in June last, where it has given much satisfaction. It will be observed that it consists of a spout or trough made of boiler plate, closed at both ends, and mounted upon a little crane hinged to an iron column, upon which rests the ladle which primarily receives the metal from the furnace. The spout and crane are free to revolve on the vertical axis of the latter in a horizontal plane, and the molds being arranged circularly around the column, the outer end of the spout is brought successively over one or more molds, when the small stoppers being raised by the levers shown, metal flowing from the ladle passes into the molds. The small stoppers are then lowered, so as to close the orifices in the nozzles and stop the flow of metal through them, and the spout is turned until it is over another pair of molds, which are filled in a similar manner, and so on until all the metal is run. The molds may be arranged in one or more concentric circles, and a form of spout which has been adopted for filling two such circles is shown at Fig. 3. When groups of molds are to be filled, a single-ended spout with one stopper is employed, and the several gits are arranged circularly round its vertical axis. The spout—not mounted in the manner shown—can be made of such dimensions that it can receive, as a ladle, the whole charge of the furnace, and the form may be varied to suit different requirements; but it has not been thought necessary to describe other arrangements in the present communication. The apparatus was started without a hitch, and worked very satisfactorily. In running open-topped molds, a pit of 15 feet diameter was found sufficient for the produce of a 10-ton Siemens-Martin scrap furnace, and in a pit of 18 feet diameter there is room for 38 molds at a time if arranged in two concentric circles, the ingots weighing about 12 cwt. each, or about 23 tons in all. As only about half such a number is required for a charge there is ample time to remove the ingots and replace the molds, and by filling those on one side of the pit the men working at the other side need not be exposed to excessive heat. The nozzle in the ladle head is 3 inches in diameter, and the nozzles at the end of the spout vary from 1 1/4 inches upward. When the smaller nozzles are used the large ladle stopper should be lowered, so as to diminish the flow till near the end; but it does not require to be closed, because the spout contains the metal which flows into it during the brief interval required to move it from one to another pair of molds, when the small stoppers are shut. From the large size of the nozzles the metal is run very quickly; 10 tons can be poured into the molds in 7 or 8 minutes, or even less if necessary, and very little or no skulls are formed either in ladle head or spout.

Mr. Scott intends to apply his apparatus to Bessemer pits also, and has, in order to provide for the large output of a converter and for a variety of sizes of molds, suggested a method to make the height of the spout variable at pleasure, Figs. 4 and 5

show typically how pits might be arranged to receive the metal through the agency of a revolving spout. The cost of the apparatus in any of its modifications is very low.

## A Great Copper Mining Enterprise in Tennessee.

We print below an interesting sketch of the great copper mining, smelting and refining works at Ducktown, Tenn. It was furnished by a scientific gentleman who is thoroughly conversant with his subject, and will be found of interest to all who are engaged in the metal trade, and especially to those who contemplate investing in Southern mineral enterprises.

### THE DUCKTOWN COPPER MINES.

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: The copper belt upon which is located the Ducktown mines is situated in the extreme southeastern

portion of the State of Tennessee, in the county of Polk and about 40 miles east of Cleveland, the nearest railroad outlet. Copper was first discovered there about the year 1849, it being found upon or near the surface in large quantities and of a superior quality, yielding on an average 25 per cent. of fine copper. Capitalists, hearing of this valuable discovery, soon flocked in and invested heavily in mineral lands containing the seemingly inexhaustible supplies of black oxidized ores. The result has been the building up of an industry among the mountains of Tennessee that is creditable and worthy of the energy and capital expended on it. Immediately after the opening of the old Hiwassee Mine the public excitement became so intense that quite a number of mining companies began to open and develop the various mineral lands in the locality, and in a majority of the mines rich ores were found in abundance, often producing as high as 40 and 50 per cent. of copper. These ores were simply dressed, then packed in boxes and transported in wagons to Cartersville, Ga., a distance of some 80 miles, and thence by railroad to Savannah. From there they were taken by steamer (via Cape Hatteras) to the Baltimore Smelting Works at Baltimore, Md., where they were carried through the various processes of roasting, smelting, refining, &c., before the copper was ready to be put upon the market. Although the mines were exceedingly rich, for the want of the necessary smelting facilities, costly and difficult transportation and other drawbacks, the greater part of them lost money, became dis-

couraged and were finally obliged to suspend operations. Somewhere about the year 1856 a nearer communication with railroad was effected at Cleveland, Tenn. (40 miles distant), rendering it much more practicable to ship the ores to Baltimore by the E. T. V. and Georgia Railroad (via Lynchburg, Va.). In the year 1858 several mines consolidated and were incorporated as the Union Consolidated Mining Company of Tennessee. The history of mining operations at Ducktown has proved beyond a doubt that it is one of the most valuable copper mining regions in the United States.

At present Ducktown employs, directly and indirectly, about 1000 men, and from the great activity and life displayed throughout all the various departments of the business, as more especially seen in the active operation of the many furnaces, the large amounts of ore roasting in the yards, trains of cars heavily laden with ore, &c., constantly arriving from the mines, one might

the company are situated about one mile from the East Tennessee Mine, and 2 1/2 miles from the Mary Mine, being connected, as before mentioned, by the railroad. They comprise 16 blast furnaces, two calcining furnaces, two reverberatory furnaces for making pig copper, and one refining furnace, the capacity of which, when fully supplied with material, would be equal to 250,000 pounds to 300,000 pounds per month. From this furnace the ingots, slabs and bars are produced ready for market. The blast for these furnaces is supplied by two large and powerful blowing engines. Besides, there are numerous other structures such as dressing works, machine shops, charcoal houses, matte sheds, ore sheds, &c. A large store is also owned and controlled by the company, containing goods of every description, and in which the employees do their trading. The fuel used is entirely charcoal and cordwood. The charcoal is required for the blast furnaces, roast piles, making

tal and labor that have so thoroughly shaken other portions of the country.  
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## Government Treasury Vaults in Wall Street.

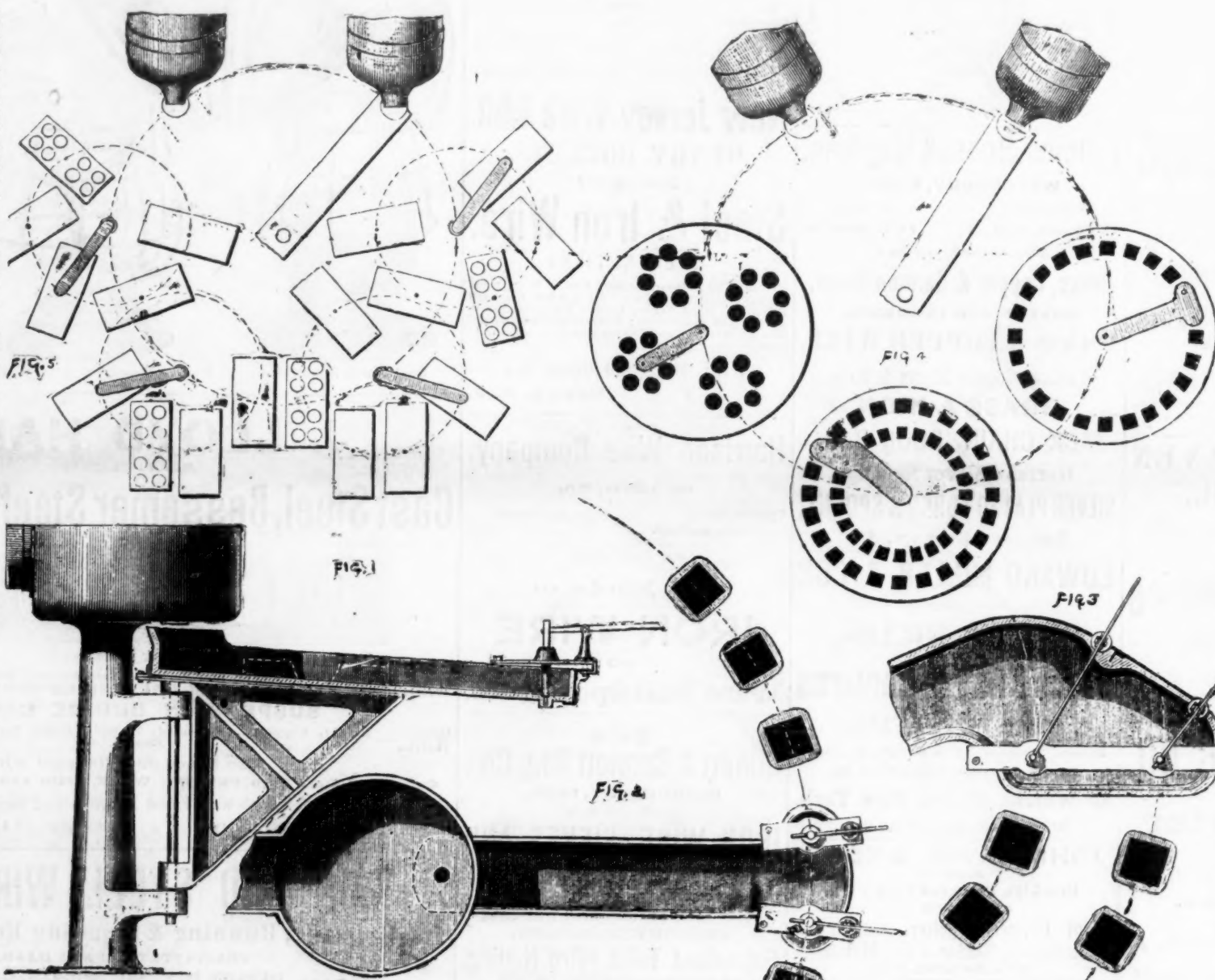
In addition to the great vault attached to the Assay Office in Wall street, built about three years ago, and having space for the storage of \$8,800,000 in silver coin, the Federal government has in course of construction in the basement of the Sub-Treasury building still another of far larger dimensions, which will be finished Oct. 1. The former is 18x17 1/2 feet, and 8 feet in height, made of boiler iron; the latter, 47x28 feet inside, and 12 feet high, made burglar proof, designed for the expected large accumulation of silver coin under the operation of the new law. This new vault is building under a contract with Geo. L. Damon, of Boston, who has about twenty

men employed on the work, and it is spoken of as the largest in the world, considered as a single inclosure, surpassing even that of the Bank of England. The estimated cost is \$22,000. The outside granite walls are six feet thick, while the safe proper will be two inches in thickness on all sides, formed of alternate layers of iron and steel. The plates for the floor are laid directly on a stone flagging, supported by a solid bed of concrete, so that it would be folly for burglars to attempt to reach the treasure within by any process of excavation from outside. The top of the vault will be supported by rolled iron beams and girders let into granite columns, while lattice partitions of iron to support the bags of coin will divide the vault into a dozen stalls, arranged on either side of a longitudinal aisle. The general plan is not unlike that of an ordinary horse stable, and keeping in mind the heaps of treasure to be stored on the spot hereafter, is suggestive of excellent feeding. Four openings in the ceiling and as many in the floor, covered by strong gratings, will provide for ventilation. The process of cutting out the brick floor of the Sub-Treasury building so as to convert two stories into one, is the laborious task now engaging attention, directly under what is known as "the gold-room." When completed, communication between the gold-room and vault will be by means of an elevator and staircase, so that coin can be easily transferred. Mr. Caywood is the superintendent immediately in charge, subject to directions from Thos. R. Jackson, superintendent of repairs of all government buildings hereabout, while Mr. Jas. G. Hill is superintending architect.

## A Large Quartz Mill.

A mammoth quartz mill is soon to be shipped from California to the Father De Smet mine in the Black Hills. A contract has been made with the Union Pacific for 60 cars to transport the machinery. The mill building is to be 120 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 40 feet high to the eaves. This company has ordered three miles of iron pipe from Chicago, which will fill 20 cars, and this is merely for the cañons across which the supply ditch is to pass. Over \$200,000 will be expended in the 36 miles of this ditch from Spearfish Creek to the De Smet mill. The mine cost \$400,000, and the mill to be put up is said to be the largest one that ever went into a mine.

The relative values of our inter-State and foreign commerce are shown by the following interesting figures: The value of all the shipping, American and foreign, employed in our foreign trade is \$200,000,000; the value of the railroads of the United States is \$4,600,000,000; and while the value of all our exports and imports carried on the sea is \$1,121,634,000 per annum, the value of the commodities carried by rail alone in the interior is \$15,000,000,000. This shows that the value of the railroads of the country is about 23 times that of all the ships engaged in our foreign trade, and that our internal commerce carried on railroads alone is 16 times as great as that of our foreign commerce. The comparison does not include that portion of our internal commerce carried in steamboats and ships on the rivers and lakes and coastwise; if this were added, it would make the internal commerce 25 times as great as the foreign commerce. Before the war our foreign commerce was in more favorable ratio with our inter-State commerce,



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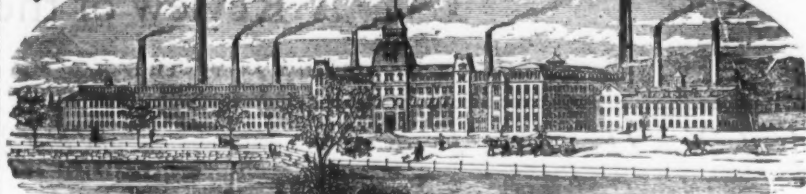
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### How Strikes are Managed in France.

A correspondent of the London News says: In these days of eager competition it is absurd to suppose that labor will not always fetch what it is worth, but nothing is gained by temporarily forcing it above its value. Such inflation of wages naturally tends to falls, which to the workmen may be ruinous. It is to be hoped that this truth will commend itself to the French working classes before they are put in possession of the liberties for combining and striking which Englishmen enjoy. For the present there is no prospect of their being endowed with these liberties, for even liberal republicans are loth to advocate them lest they should arouse that terrible "Question Sociale" behind which so many dangers are felt to be lurking. So afraid are cautious men of allowing even the thin end of the said Q. S. to be introduced that they will not hear of allowing cooperation for charitable purposes. An association for relieving cripples at Rouen must not have any kinship with a similar establishment at Nantes or elsewhere. Institutions which seem to be exempted from this rule, and which have branch offices in different places, are all under the special control of government and generally flourish on State grants. When you talk to a Frenchman of societies like the Foresters and the Odd Fellows, which reckon their members by the hundred thousand, he answers that such colossal associations would be impossible in France. They would develop into political caucuses and try wild experiments in the way of communism. As to trade unions, the conservative party think that the law has already gone too far in allowing the workmen following the same trade in one particular city or commune to combine. Whenever these gentlemen have been in power they have quelled strikes by the effectual but ultimately ruinous process of making soldiers do the work of the strikers. When, in 1865, the journeyman hatters of Paris struck, an order of the day was read in all the barracks of Paris and the garrisons of the environs, setting forth that soldiers who were hat makers by trade might have leave to go and work, on condition of accepting the rates of pay offered by the masters. Many, of course, jumped at the proposal, in order to get a few weeks' holiday. In that same year, 1865, there was a strike among the Parisian cab drivers, and again soldiers were pressed into service; this time in such large numbers that strike came to an end in less than a week. We have called this a ruinous process, however, because it sows ill-will between the army and the working classes, and the fruit of such enmity appears in civil wars.

The police are also made to play a large part in the repression of French strikes, and we cannot help thinking that this part is not a fair one. There was a big strike at the Creuzot Iron Works in 1870, another near St. Etienne in 1873, and now there is one among the miners at Decazeville. On all these occasions we have heard of wholesale arrests being made on the charge of picketing. Men who had not used any threats to deter non-unionists from working, but who had simply been found pleading the cause of the strikers, were charged with rioting, while others, who were strangers to the district, and who had come to do a little agitating in an amateur capacity, were adjudged guilty of the more heinous offense of political conspiracy. A French strike somehow always get mixed up with politics. The strikers never so careful, their ringleaders almost invariably end by getting into jail, and the judges often add to the penalties of imprisonment a deprivation of civil and political rights, along with police supervision for a term of years. We cannot call to mind any French strike which has resulted in a complete victory for the strikers. Government takes alarm at the first signs of combination, and the masters, being backed by the whole strength of the administrative mechanism, naturally decline to make concessions.

### The First Steamboat Voyage.

Threescore and thirteen years have rolled by since Fulton died, at the age of forty-nine, eight years after the trial trip of the Clermont on the Hudson River, from New York to Albany—the first practical demonstration that steam could be applied to the propulsion of vessels with entire success. Of those who enjoyed the privilege of being on the Clermont's deck before the start, during the trip or just after the arrival at Albany, there is but one alive, and he was carried in his mother's arms at the time, being only two years old. His personal remembrance of the event, of course, does not amount to much, but he has, nevertheless, a store of information concerning the trip not in the possession of anybody else, for as soon as he became old enough to realize the importance of the matter, he naturally sought with more assiduity than a person less directly interested would exhibit for facts pertaining to the occasion. This gentleman is the Rev. Frederick Reynolds Freeman, a Baptist clergyman of Illinois, now, with his wife and children, on a visit to this city. Mr. Freeman is in his seventy-third year, white-haired, but fresh looking and vigorous.

"The event is like a dream to me," says Mr. Freeman. "Probably my memory would now be unable to reach it but for the constant rehearsals of the scenes and incidents made to me in my youth. These vividly impressed the whole upon my mind, and, together with my faint personal recollection of the occasion, left a more faithful picture than unassisted tradition or history could paint upon a memory less allied to the circumstances."

stack was about 30 feet above the deck—nearly as high as the two masts, from the rear of one of which floated the Stars and Stripes.

"Hours before she started a great multitude had assembled along the wharfs to witness the expected inglorious ending of what was generally known as 'Fulton's Folly.' Cries of 'God help you, Bobby!' 'Bring us back a chip of the North Pole!' A fool and his money are soon parted! &c., were frequent, loud and annoying. Fulton, however, knew that the crowd were sincere in their ridicule, and, with a confident smile, went on superintending preparations for the start, as if he knew that triumph would presently more than overbalance the sneers, jibes and cat-calls of the vulgar, and the pitying manners of the more refined. Smoke issues from the stack; the hawser is drawn in; the side-wheel quivers; it slowly revolves; Fulton's own hand at the helm turns out the bow; he is pale but still confident and self-possessed; the Clermont moves out into the stream, the ponderous machinery thumping and groaning, the wheel frantically splashing and the stack belching like a volcano; but the Clermont steadily moves; all aboard swing their hats in the air, and give a cheer that is immediately taken up by the entire multitude on land; the Pennsylvania has triumphed, and the hitherto incredulous and mocking populace of New York are the first to do him honor; the crowd remain cheering on the piers until the Clermont is out of sight up the Hudson."

Mr. Freeman says that the boat arrived at Albany on September 17, 36 hours after starting from New York. It had not been continually in motion, the party having stopped at the residence of Chancellor Livingston on the way up. The speed was at the rate of five miles an hour. The appearance of the strange vessel as she steamed up the river had a remarkable effect, even in daytime, upon the crews of craft passing by, for comparatively few of the skippers coming down could, in those days of slow mail and no telegraph, have been prepared to encounter such an oddity; but at night the Clermont spread consternation and terror on all sides. It was very dark, and the fires were fed with dry, white pine wood, which, when stirred, would send up columns of flame and sparks from the mouth of the tall stack. This apparent volcano, moving steadily through the darkness up the middle of the river and accompanied by the rumbling and groaning of the hard-laboring machinery, was well calculated to strike terror into the hearts of sailors on the sloops and other craft coming down with grain and general farm produce, who had never heard of any motive power for vessels except wind, and who, withal, were extremely superstitious.

"My father and others told me," says Mr. Freeman, "that whole crews prostrated themselves upon their knees and besought Divine Providence to protect them from the horrible monster that was marching on the tides and lighting up its pathway by its fires."

When the members of the Freeman family went aboard the Clermont, upon its arrival at Albany, Mrs. Freeman observed a workman emerging from the engine room—a plane very suggestive to her of the infernal regions—carrying in his hands a ladle filled with molten lead. With this he proceeded to stop up holes whose presence here and there in the rude machinery was indicated by escaping steam. Captain Freeman then learned that the workman had been busily employed doing the same thing ever since the Clermont had left New York. The people of Albany had been apprised of the arrival in advance, and the whole town turned out to receive Fulton and his steamboat, giving them an enthusiastic reception. After a short stay the Clermont returned to New York, making the trip in 34 hours—Philadelphia Times.

### Warming Dwellings in Summer.

The Cincinnati Artisan, in a recent issue, has a very important article upon the necessity which often occurs for warming dwellings in the summer. People in general are prone to treat with contempt the idea that a fire is ever needed in the summer season for warmth. We frequently hear remarks like "The idea of a fire in July; it's absurd." The weather clerk does not, however, appear to think that a cold morning or evening or a cold east wind is an absurdity in July, and sends them accordingly, and people shiver, but will not warm themselves because it happens to be a summer month. The Artisan says:

As we approach the warm season of the year, and the temperature of the air becomes high enough to cause us to court the genial breeze from without, it is the custom to put out the fires, remove the stoves and leave dwellings without any artificial means of heating until the chill breath of autumn brings the furnaces and stoves again in use. It has long been known that sickness prevails to a much greater extent in summer than in winter, but many do not recognize the causes of the diseases of the warm season. A warm and dry atmosphere is not unwholesome, but when, in cloudy and rainy weather, southerly winds bring a sultry air which dampens everything around us, the atmosphere is loaded with the germs of disease and fire is needed to destroy them.

The walls, the ceilings, the floors of apartments, should never be allowed to become damp. Sometimes, when the warmth of the air is oppressive, fire is more needed to preserve health than it is at another season to protect us from the cold of winter; and the rooms of a dwelling should never be left without means of warming and drying. The investigations of science show that many of the most fatal diseases are caused by the germs of vegetable and animal life, and that a humid atmosphere is most favorable for their propagation. It is, therefore, neglecting to avail ourselves of the great discoveries of the age, and failing to protect ourselves from the scourges which so fearfully afflict families, when we ignore the dangers which surround us. Apartments exposed to the full action of the sun may be less comfortable in dry, hot weather than those from which the sun's rays are excluded, but generally they will be found more wholesome.



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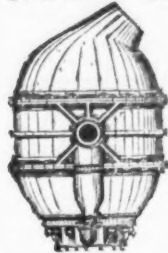
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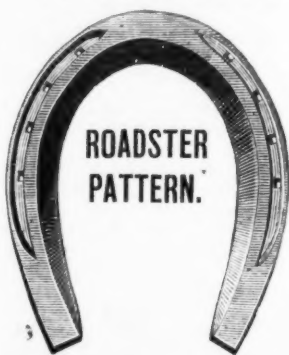
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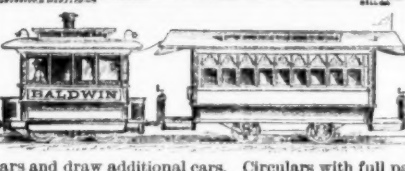
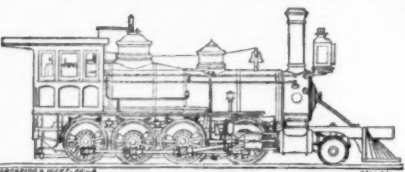
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Fig. 1 shows the press in its simplest form; the screw and platen are represented at the side. This press consists practically of only the moving parts of the ordinary press. In this case it is intended for a colander press, and is especially suited for jelly, beef tea, cranberries, cheese, mashing squash or potatoes, &c. The square draw-up shown in Fig. 2 is for corned beef, mutton, boned turkey and other meats. In all these presses the plungers are drawn up out of the liquid by the screw so that the pumace, in the case of fruits, or the meat is not saturated with the liquid remaining on the bottom. Fig. 3 is the lard press. Part of the "hoop" or side of the press is broken away in each of the figures to make the construction clearer. The lard presses are made



Fig. 1.

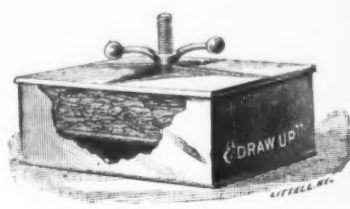


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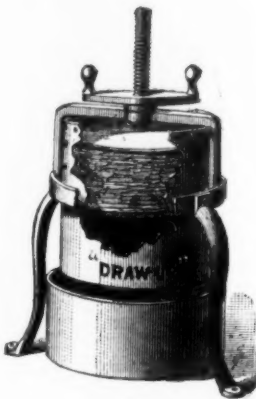


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

DRAW-UP PRESSES, BY THE MOHAWK AND HUDSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

exceedingly strong, and are, it is said, able to sustain enormous pressure. This press is especially designed for the use of butchers and packers. The "scrap" is first pressed, then the nut is run up, the arch lifted up and its feet placed in the supports, and the nut being then run down, draws the cake of "crackling" out of the cylinder. The pin or nut on the lower end of the stem is then removed and the bolt drawn out of the cake of crackling. Fig. 4 shows a form of press especially adapted to the use of druggists, and, as will be seen, it is accompanied by a wrench which is screwed into the wall and which holds the whole from turning when the power is applied. The strain is all borne by the two platforms and the screw, and even in the one-half gallon drug press the ultimate tensile strength of the iron is several tons. To get a pressure of such an amount in an old-style press with two uprights and cross bar would necessitate an exceedingly heavy construction.  
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**Labor and Wages in Scotland.**—Vice-Consul Seidmore replies to the labor circular of the Department of State by sending very complete tables of the wages paid for different classes of labor in the district of Dunfermline. Carpenters, bricklayers, masons and plasterers receive from \$1.26 to \$1.62 daily; blacksmiths, engineers, founders, turners and other machinists about \$6.56 a week; factory hands are variously paid, according to work done and skill, from 96 cents a week for the lowest grade of women weavers to \$8.27 for molders. The remuneration of labor, as compared with rates prevailing five years ago, is very low. In coal mining, which is one of the leading industries, the depression is very marked, miners now receiving not one-half the wages obtainable in 1873. In another branch of industry of first importance, namely, the linen trade, the condition is almost equally cheerless. Overproduction and a slackening in the demand from the American market have during the past five years brought this trade to sore straits. Particular mention is made by Mr. Walker, assistant inspector of factories, in his report for the half year ended Oct. 31, 1877, of the iron trade. He says: "While, as I have stated above, all the industries of the country coming under my observation are at present more or less depressed, I am not aware of any of them being more so than the iron trade in the North of England and Scotland. One of the reasons assigned is the damaging effect of foreign competition. Within the last year or two a large railway station has been erected in Glasgow, and it is a well-known fact that all the iron required in its construction was brought from Belgium. As Glasgow forms the center of the iron trade in Scotland, the circumstance above referred to is significant and startling."

**The Drainage of Cities.**—A strong argument in favor of good drainage in cities has been furnished by the experience of St.

Louis. The number of deaths in 1860 was nearly 6000, and the average mortality for the succeeding four years was 5600. The city then had a population of 150,000. In 1870 the deaths numbered 6670, and although there was a considerably increased mortality in 1872 and 1873, the average number of deaths for the last four years has been but 6400, with a steady decrease. Yet the last census gave St. Louis a population of 310,000, and it is now estimated at not less than 450,000. As a fact, the mortality last year was less than the average during the period between 1860 and 1870. At the date first named St. Louis had practically no sewers, and no rapid extension of the system was attempted until 1865. Since then such improvements have been made in this direction that the city now has 150 miles of sewers. As no other great changes have been witnessed in a sanitary point of view, it is concluded that the decreased number of deaths must be attributed to the development of the sewer system.

**Orders from Brazil.**—The Brazilian mail which arrived in New York last week on the City of Rio de Janeiro brought several important orders to local manufacturers. To Messrs. J. P. Reed & Co. came a contract for the supply of 2000 axes, 4000 case knives, 50 complete sets of carpenters' tools and a saw mill, together with steam engines and boilers. This order comes direct from the Brazilian government, which has undertaken

the removal of the people who are willing to leave the overcrowded cities and settle on the lands in the region of the Amazon valley. To such as are prepared to take this step the government is disposed to make a grant of lands, tools and supplies. This idea is understood to have had its origin in the observations of Dom Pedro in this country in respect to the system of pre-empting government lands. Another order was for a large consignment of boots and shoes. The same mail brought requests for a large line of samples of various goods, and the Rio de Janeiro, which leaves on the return voyage in a few weeks, will take out a large bulk of samples of Philadelphia-made prints, drills, glassware, railroad tools, steam pumps, varnish, bronze ware, agricultural machinery, glass lamps, spades and shovels and other goods. "There is a great demand in the Brazilian market for cheap cotton goods," says one correspondent, while another chimes in with the intimation that "the people are delighted with the idea of being able to get their orders for American goods filled not only more promptly, but also at much cheaper rates than the English traders have put their goods upon the market.—Phila. Record.

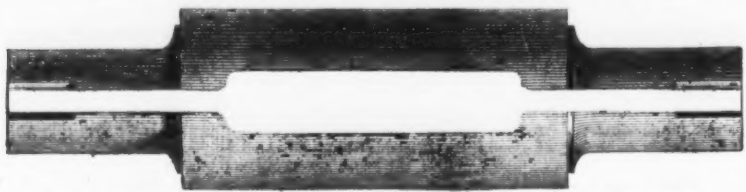
**Signing Documents.**—The St. Louis Commercial Gazette prints the following bit of good advice to farmers and others: The season has now come when the insinuating agent and patent rights man visits small towns and country villages, seeking to trap the unwary by tricks which have become so common that they ought no longer to find a victim. The swindling is almost invariably done by inducing the farmer or country merchant, on some pretext, to put his name on paper. One of the most successful and the easiest is to obtain the customer's signature to what purports to be a receipt. It is in fact a printed receipt and contains a multiplicity of words. It is printed on a slip of paper seven or eight inches long. The place for the signature is naturally in the right-hand lower corner. The customer has bought something from the smooth-spoken agent, and honestly enough is perfectly willing to sign a receipt. Let that paper be cut in two, up and down in the center, and the right-hand half will be an unobjectionable 30 or 60 days' promissory note. The signature is well known in the neighborhood, it is sold or traded long before maturity to some bona fide and innocent purchaser, and the unsophisticated maker has no legal defense. Or possibly a fence-wire agent comes along with a sample coil of wire. The customer wants a few rods of wire fence and signs an agreement to pay on delivery four cents per foot for five coils of wire. When delivered it appears that the coils each contain a quarter of a mile of wire. By the same trick the festive lightning-rod agent sells the victim enough of lightning rod to thatch the roof of the house with when only 30 feet were needed. The safe way is not to transact business with an itinerant agent who is a stranger, unless they can get along without your signature to a written or printed instrument.



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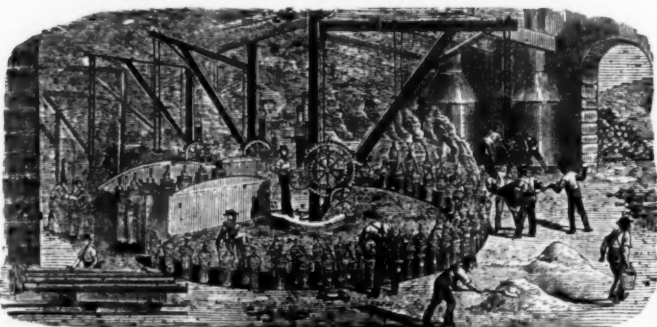
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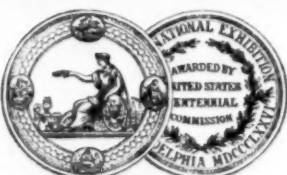
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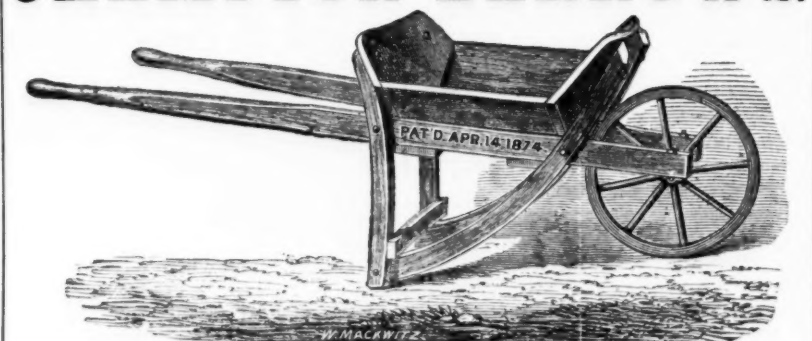
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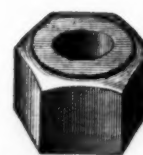
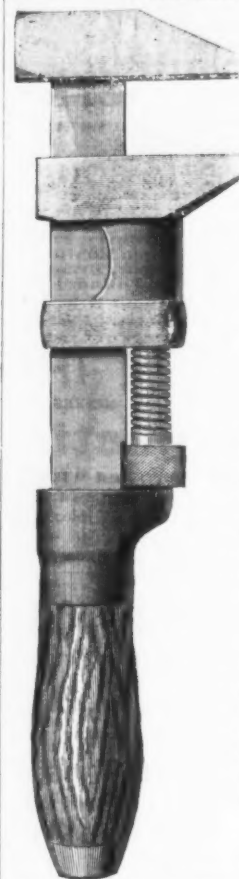
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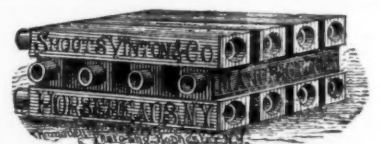
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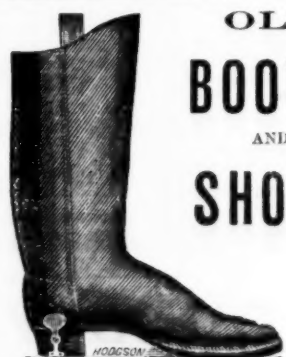
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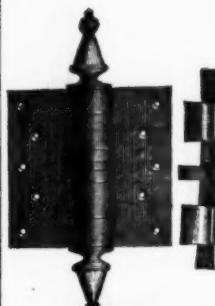
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The ends of the furnace block are joined by a flue 2 feet square inside, in plain, and having in the middle a valve for reversing the exhaust current, and two small chimney pipes through which the waste gases are discharged into the air. The current is reversed every half hour, the exhaust gas from the melting hole passing first through the gas regenerator and then through that for heating the air. The combustion takes place in a narrow slit formed between the top of the regenerator and the cover of the furnace. The melting hole is lined with a mass of fresh and burnt fire-clay about 18 inches thick, the space for receiving the pots being slightly broader below than above; a tap-hole for removing slags is pierced through the center; the covers are made of similar refractory mass in cast-iron frame plates. When working upon rifle-barrel steel, containing 0.35 to 0.45 per cent. of carbon, these furnaces make from five to six meltings per day; but when producing bayonet steel, with 0.7 per cent., or tool steel with 1.0 to 1.2 per cent. of carbon, which are less refractory, seven meltings may be obtained. They may be kept fired for seven days as a rule, but with good pots for eight or even nine days. The daily consumption of fuel is 550 cubic feet of charcoal per furnace, which suffices to melt 24 cwt. of the milder quality of steel. One of the most essential points in management is the air supply, great stress being laid upon the necessity of providing largely for the requirements of the gas, both in the producer and in the subsequent combustion. The cover of the melting hole requires to be replaced from five to six times daily, but those of the regenerators usually last throughout the week. The charge in the pot consists of refined cast iron and wrought iron. For barrel steel the mixture includes 14 lbs. of the former, 46 lbs. of the latter, and about 2 lbs. of steel borings and turnings. For bayonets, 17 lbs. of cast and 30 lbs. of wrought iron are used. The refining of the cast iron is effected by melting it with an addition of lathe turnings, and running it into a slab, which is cooled by water and broken into fragments of a convenient size. When the steel ingots show a tendency to contain blow holes, spiegelisen, containing 15 to 20 per cent. of manganese is substituted for a portion of the cast iron to the extent of 15 or 20 per cent. of the whole amount of the latter.

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S. B. Whiting, acting chief engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, received the following important letter from President Gowen, under date of June 27th: The price of coal would justify a reduction on June wages of about 18 per cent. below the basis, but as our tolls were made 1.60 the men are entitled to be paid at 16 per cent. below the basis, and you can make the check rolls out at the latter rate. In July the tolls will be 1.75, and for that month the wages will be 10 per cent. below the basis. Our quota for June will be filled to-night or to-morrow morning, but in order to avoid a stoppage in the middle of this week we will run on full until Saturday night, and stop two days longer in July, the suspension in which month will therefore be twelve working days instead of ten as first intended. The condition of the coal market continues to justify the belief previously expressed, that the July suspension will be the

last of the present shipping season, except in cases where large shipments may fill our monthly quota a day or two prior to the end of a month.

**Employers and Workmen in Great Britain.**

The sixth annual report of the Iron Trades Employers' Association, which has just been issued, is a very important document, as showing the feelings now existing between the masters and the men, the employers' opinion on recent legislation affecting their interests, and the masters' antagonism to both the legislation and trades unionism. The report contains a summary of the proceedings and the policy of the association for the past year, and advocates a system of operations to be carried on by the society and its members during the ensuing twelve months, especially counseling them to take advantage of the present condition of trade, enforce piece-work, lengthen the hours of employ, and, where possible, put down trades unions. The report congratulates the association that it has only had to contend with two strikes during the past year, neither of which were of much moment, both being in resistance of reduction of wages. One was at Worsbrough Foundry, Barnsley, and the other at the Avonside Engine Works, Bristol. The report proposes that the future policy of the association should take an aggressive form, the members being advised to push the extension of the piece-work system, although the report confesses that its application could never be made universal. It refers with deep concern to the state of trade, and points out that the committee of management had been fully alive to the gravity of the situation. In December last the feeling of the members was tested as to the advisability of increasing the number of working hours, or of reducing wages, and the general opinion of the members was that some movement was necessary to reduce the cost of production. United action was pointed out as being absolutely essential, but in respect to the best means applicable for securing the desired results the replies were not conclusive, while the alternative proposals for lowering the rate of wages or increasing the number of working hours (which make up the week's work), or both had further to be considered by the employers. The executive committee were of opinion that employers in the mechanical engineering trades of the country would soon find themselves forced to take up and deal with the labor question, either in the matter of wages or by an increase in the number of hours or both. Already important proposals had been made to the general committee on these points, which, from their nature, were confidential, and could only be stated to the members in the form of personal communications. The report strongly advises that all unionist forerunners should be discharged by members of the association in whose employ they may be, it being felt that a man who was a unionist could not faithfully serve his employers in a position of trust. The association had also opened a free register office for employers and workmen in Manchester, an institution which had enabled employers to reduce the average wage rate. Special attention had during the year been paid to Mr. Macdonald's Compensation Bill, and the committee, in conjunction with the National Federation of Employers, had done all they could in opposition to that measure. The question involved was now in the hands of the Attorney-General, and the Federated Association of Employers had agreed to watch over the interests of their members. The statement of income and expenditure could only be placed in the hands of district officers as a private and confidential document. At the annual meeting of the association it was decided to institute a vigorous movement to increase the number of members, and in order to further this object it was resolved to issue to employers not connected with the association the following manifesto:

DEAR SIR: We have been instructed to submit the claims of the members of this association to their brother employers. The legislation of recent years has withdrawn from masters the protection which was formerly extended to them. The combination laws have been abolished; conspiracy in restraint of trade is no longer a penal offense; picketing has been practically legalized; the diversion of the funds of benefit societies for the purposes of unionism is virtually authorized by statute; and the liability of employers to their workmen for injuries inflicted by others in their employment is recognized by parliament as a subject for legislation, so that employers can henceforth look only to themselves for mutual protection.

**Railway Working Signals in Great Britain.**—A return, in pursuance of the railway regulation act, 1873, has just been presented to parliament, relative to the interlocking and concentrating of signals, and the systems upon which the various lines are worked. This return shows that in the United Kingdom there is now a total length of railway open for passenger traffic of 8950 miles of double and 7181 of single lines. Of the distance worked by telegraph there are 6659 miles of double and 3059 of single railways worked upon the absolute block system, the latter being in addition to the train staff system. On the permissive block system there are 167 miles of double and 29 of single lines at work. The distance worked by telegraph, but not on either of the foregoing systems, is 506 miles of double and 477 of single lines. Of these, 337 miles are worked on the system in which only one engine in steam, or two or more engines coupled together, are allowed to be upon the line at one and the same time. Between five and six miles are operated by the train porter system and 3211 by the train staff system. By a comparative statement included in the return, it appears that in 1876 the length of double line open in the United Kingdom was 8885 miles, as compared with 8980 in 1877, and the distance worked on the absolute block system increased from 6290 miles in 1876 to 6660 in 1877. The percentage of double lines worked by the absolute block system showing an increase from 71 per cent. in 1876 to 74 per cent. in 1877.

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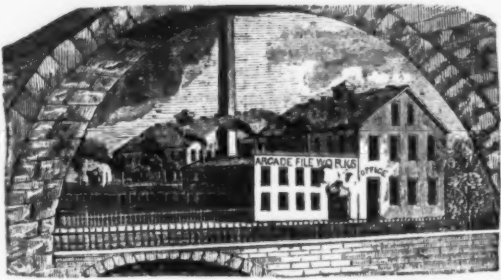
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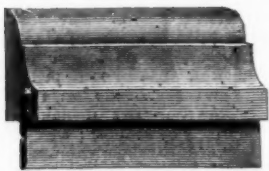
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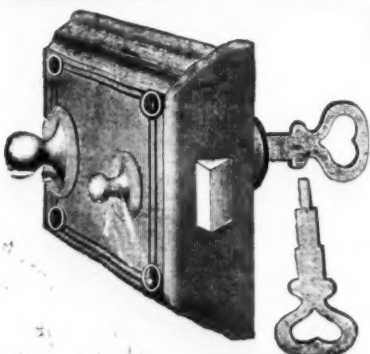
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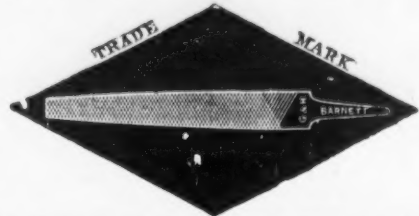
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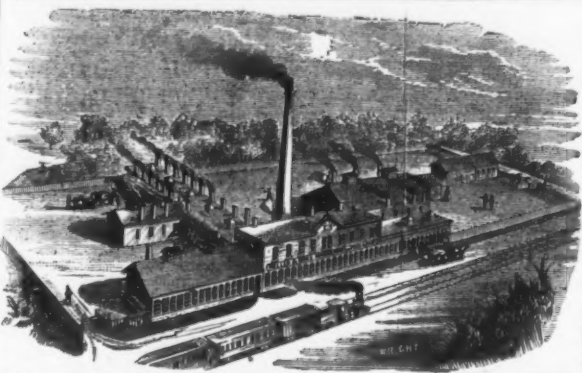
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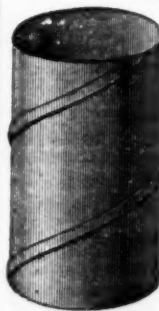
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The elaborate tables heretofore printed in the manual are omitted this year; but the final results, the only important feature, are given in full detail. There is added a table reducing these results to the unit of 100. From this it will be seen that for each 100

	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.
<i>New England.</i>					
Miles of railroad . . . . .	6,039	5,783	5,732	5,617	5,391
Earnings from passengers . . .	\$20,655,709	\$21,516,165	\$21,776,803	\$22,111,787	\$22,338,639
" freight, &c. . . . .	24,374,750	25,244,778	26,534,049	27,952,097	29,310,044
" all sources . . . . .	44,339,465	46,760,943	48,310,852	50,063,774	51,648,683
Net earnings . . . . .	13,735,746	13,570,972	15,324,654	16,713,183	18,061,041
Dividends . . . . .	6,977,726	7,607,973	8,788,940	8,321,971	9,004,488
<i>Middle States.</i>					
Miles of railroad . . . . .	13,607	13,865	13,173	12,874	12,441
Earnings from passengers . . .	\$39,255,780	\$47,483,867	\$40,777,907	\$41,609,737	\$48,355,973
" freight, &c. . . . .	116,687,341	130,120,542	134,004,485	144,798,567	151,667,979
" all sources . . . . .	155,943,121	177,604,407	175,677,418	186,408,438	199,023,392
Net earnings . . . . .	61,033,080	69,373,517	65,000,418	69,188,972	80,660,589
Dividends . . . . .	24,890,480	33,693,111	39,357,196	37,600,154	36,531,341
<i>Southern States.</i>					
Miles of railroad . . . . .	11,272	13,048	13,522	13,505	13,908
Earnings from passengers . . .	\$9,053,090	\$11,877,001	\$13,864,915	\$14,713,291	\$15,310,080
" freight, &c. . . . .	20,850,268	38,805,747	36,134,312	38,127,950	38,385,420
" all sources . . . . .	39,833,358	50,743,748	50,399,727	52,840,241	53,695,500
Net earnings . . . . .	16,664,346	17,111,031	16,744,600	17,495,332	18,134,340
Dividends . . . . .	2,740,793	1,860,331	1,495,690	1,068,455	901,395
<i>Western and S. W. States.</i>					
Miles of railroad . . . . .	39,736	36,753	36,058	35,639	32,073
Earnings from passengers . . .	\$144,137,039	\$131,369,211	\$153,496,304	\$158,738,466	\$151,620,777
" freight, &c. . . . .	148,779,477	142,880,621	151,324,570	156,088,011	160,677,000
" all sources . . . . .	192,924,516	186,242,831	205,217,554	214,866,477	212,717,787
Net earnings . . . . .	66,008,243	63,912,962	76,004,104	75,546,695	72,464,213
Dividends . . . . .	14,556,462	17,394,534	19,230,511	16,005,832	19,055,511
<i>Rocky States.</i>					
Miles of railroad . . . . .	1,866	1,126	1,021	417	399
Earnings from passengers . . .	\$23,300,979	\$1,727,611	\$1,843,207	\$1,223,248	\$1,175,121
" freight, &c. . . . .	5,466,845	4,136,405	3,737,739	1,316,124	1,317,660
" all sources . . . . .	7,766,922	5,864,116	5,580,440	2,539,372	2,492,797
Net earnings . . . . .	2,655,327	2,334,122	2,667,089	1,395,790	1,305,300
Dividends . . . . .	240,099	187,701			
<i>Pacific Railroads.</i>					
Miles of railroad . . . . .	2,251	2,281	2,251	2,251	2,251
Earnings from passengers . . .	\$3,615,627	\$10,216,474	\$13,244,956	\$9,002,276	\$8,641,011
" freight, &c. . . . .	23,069,455	20,817,379	21,814,569	15,792,118	13,658,333
" all sources . . . . .	39,170,082	31,033,853	35,059,525	24,794,394	22,299,344
Net earnings . . . . .	10,533,582	17,033,517	16,614,855	14,374,742	13,648,195
Dividends . . . . .	7,281,460	7,299,000	7,632,250	3,256,530	1,628,193

Classifying the States by their geographical position, as usual, it will be seen that the gross earnings for the New England States were \$44,590,465, against \$45,760,993 for 1876, \$43,328,922 for 1875, \$50,654,774 for 1874, and \$51,676,688 for 1873. Of these earnings \$24,524,756 were received for transportation of freight, mails, &c., and \$20,065,709 for the transportation of passengers. The net earnings were \$13,735,746, against \$15,379,072 for 1876, \$15,324,654 for 1875, and \$16,713,183 for 1874. The dividends paid amounted to \$6,977,726, against \$7,607,7

The gross earnings per mile were, \$6,350.90; operating expenses (63.85 per cent.), \$4,074.74; net earnings, \$2,306.90. Interest paid on bonds per mile of road, \$1,248.04; dividends paid on stock, ditto, \$739.52. The ratio of interest paid to total funded debt was 4.39 per cent.; of dividends to aggregate capital stock, 2.53 per cent. In 1871, with only two-thirds as many miles of railroad in operation and a little more than one-half the capital stock, the dividends ac-



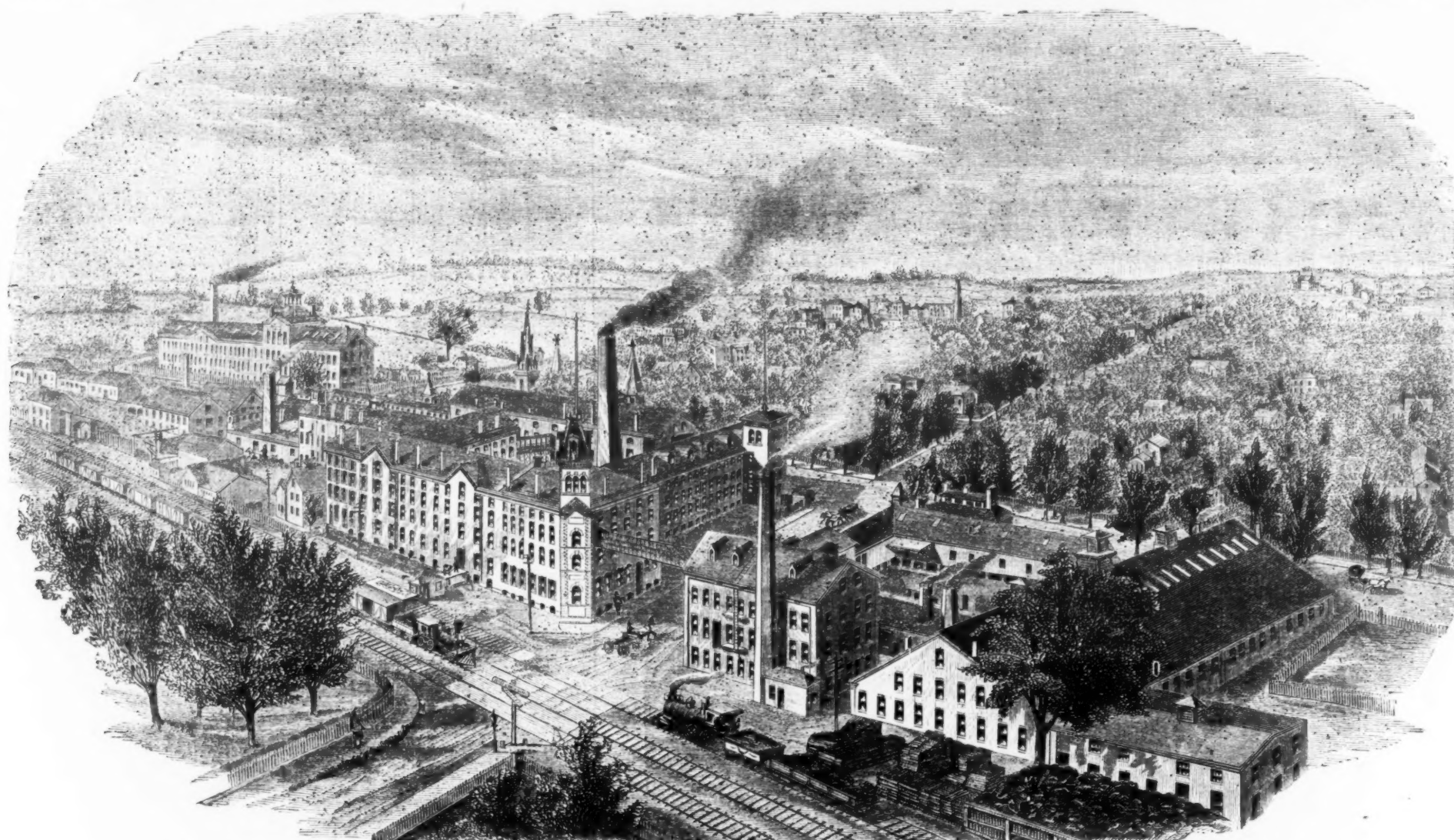
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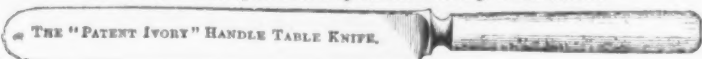
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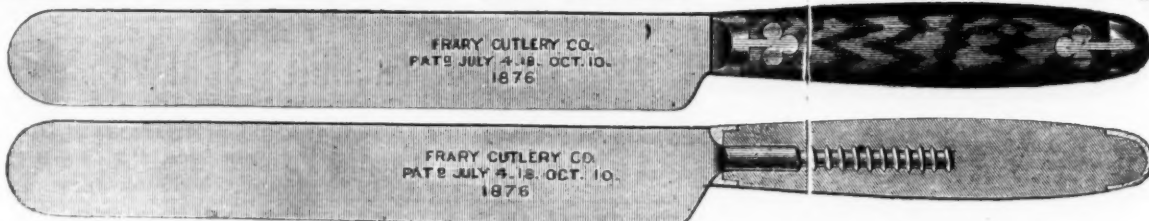
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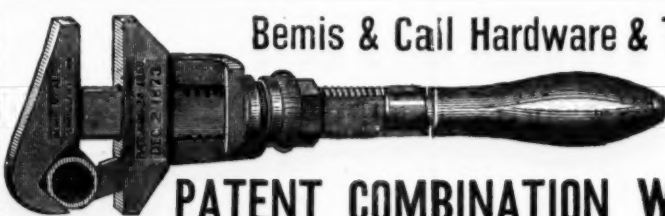
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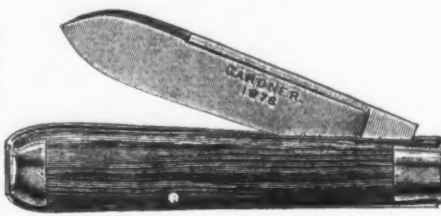
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Manual. These changes have been occasioned  
by our finding very considerable  
errors in the reports of railroad commis-  
sioners in some of the States in former  
years. They do not perceptibly affect the  
general aggregate.The following statement shows the num-  
ber of miles of railroad constructed each  
year in the United States from 1830 to the  
close of 1877 inclusive.

Year.	Miles in An'l Inc. Operon. of Mile.
1830.....	27
1831.....	95
1832.....	229
1833.....	380
1834.....	633
1835.....	1,009
1836.....	1,273
1837.....	1,497
1838.....	1,913
1839.....	2,309
1840.....	2,818
1841.....	3,535
1842.....	4,020
1843.....	4,185
1844.....	4,377
1845.....	4,533
1846.....	4,530
1847.....	5,598
1848.....	5,000
1849.....	7,375
1850.....	9,021
1851.....	10,982
1852.....	12,908
1853.....	15,360
1854.....	16,720
1855.....	18,374
1856.....	22,010
1857.....	24,503
1858.....	26,068
1859.....	28,769
1860.....	30,635
1861.....	31,286
1862.....	32,120
1863.....	33,179
1864.....	33,908
1865.....	35,085
1866.....	36,804
1867.....	39,250
1868.....	42,229
1869.....	45,444
1870.....	52,014
1871.....	60,122
1872.....	66,242
1873.....	70,311
1874.....	72,616
1875.....	74,374
1876.....	77,031
1877.....	79,208

STATEMENT OF MILES OF RAILROADS IN EACH STATE  
AND GROUP OF STATES, DECEMBER 31, 1877-78.

	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
Maine.....	997	997	980	957	905	871
New Hampshire.....	974	940	934	918	877	870
Vermont.....	872	810	810	778	777	710
Massachusetts.....	1,863	1,837	1,817	1,786	1,755	1,638
Rhode Island.....	204	189	179	173	159	136
Connecticut.....	912	916	918	897	897	868
N. England.....	5,822	5,691	5,638	5,509	5,314	5,063
New York.....	5,725	5,525	5,423	5,250	5,165	4,925
New Jersey.....	1,661	1,601	1,511	1,438	1,418	1,378
Pennsylvania.....	9,066	8,794	8,705	8,575	8,597	8,494
Delaware.....	272	272	272	272	241	241
Md. and D. C.....	944	944	944	944	944	860
West Virginia.....	638	618	615	615	615	609
Middle States.....	15,166	14,754	14,455	14,050	13,643	12,954
Virginia.....	1,635	1,618	1,608	1,608	1,538	1,502
Kentucky.....	1,509	1,475	1,326	1,326	1,320	1,266
N. Carolina.....	1,426	1,399	1,336	1,343	1,275	1,250
Tennessee.....	1,656	1,645	1,630	1,630	1,620	1,520
S. Carolina.....	1,406	1,353	1,335	1,330	1,320	1,290
Georgia.....	2,339	2,306	2,264	2,260	2,260	2,160
Florida.....	485	485	484	484	466	466
Alabama.....	1,802	1,800	1,800	1,782	1,722	1,628
Mississippi.....	1,088	1,084	1,018	1,018	990	990
Louisiana.....	495	495	495	495	495	495
South States.....	13,840	13,660	13,316	13,266	13,066	12,505
Ohio.....	4,578	4,687	4,671	4,598	4,558	4,168
Michigan.....	3,477	3,395	3,245	3,315	3,253	2,976
Indiana.....	4,057	4,003	3,963	3,890	3,714	3,649
Illinois.....	7,392	7,285	7,109	6,759	6,589	6,301
Wisconsin.....	2,701	2,636	2,566	2,546	2,350	1,878
Minnesota.....	1,194	2,020	1,992	1,992	1,990	1,906
Dakota Territory.....	294	275	275	275	275	275
Iowa.....	4,134	3,929	3,880	3,775	3,728	3,643
Missouri.....	3,198	3,140	2,905	2,880	2,858	2,673
Indian Co.....	275	275	275	275	275	275
Arkansas.....	767	767	767	767	767	767
Texas.....	2,210	2,031	1,685	1,650	1,578	1,578
Nebraska.....	1,286	1,217	1,167	1,107	1,107	1,051
Kansas.....	2,352	2,238	2,150	2,150	2,100	2,063
Colorado.....	1,045	957	804	682	603	483
Wyoming Ter.....	465	459	459	459	459	459
Utah Territory.....	306	296	296	296	296	296
West'n States.....	41,224	39,853	38,258	37,304	36,183	33,781
Nevada.....	631	631	601	601	601	601
California.....	2,680	2,619	2,593	2,528	2,528	2,492
Oregon.....	248	248	248	248	248	241
Washgt'n Ter.....	197	110	110	110	105	05
Pacific States.....	3,156	3,373	2,797	2,497	2,165	1,949
Recapitulation.....	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
N. Eng. States.....	5,822	5,691	5,638	5,509	5,314	5,063
Middle States.....	15,166	14,754	14,455	14,050	13,643	12,954
South'n States.....	13,840	13,660	13,316	13,266	13,066	12,505
West'n States.....	41,224	39,853	38,258	37,304	36,183	33,781
Pacific States.....	3,156	3,073	2,797	2,497	2,165	1,949
Grand Total.....	79,208	77,031	74,374	72,616	70,311	66,242

The New Haven (Conn.) Savings Bank is erecting a new building, and the new bank vault, which it is having constructed therein is attracting a good deal of attention, and will be the largest and best in the State. A brief description of it will be interesting, as illustrating the care and expense which large financial institutions devote to securing adequate protection for valuable papers, books and securities. In the first place a foundation of solid masonry was built in the cellar, about 23 feet by 12, running down 8 or 10 feet. Upon this a box was built of railroad iron, the interior of which is 7 feet 9 inches wide, 16 feet long and 10 feet high. The iron rails are placed upon each other so as to form a solid wall the thickness of the height of one rail, the interstices being filled with the best cement, which hardens like rock. The rails are all bolted together by steel bolts, and there is a double thickness of them at the top. Thirty tons of rails have been used. Outside of the rails are brick masonry two feet thick. Last week the lining of the iron box was received. When in place it will be a box, just fitting inside the rail work, of chilled steel, 1 1/2 inches thick in five plates, and weighs about 25 tons. When the vault is finished there will be three outside doors to it, each fitted with complicated locks. In the vault will be placed a large safe weighing 2000 pounds, and after one gets through the three doors, he will have to encounter the fine locks with which the safe will be furnished. This vault will be absolutely burglar-proof and fire-proof.

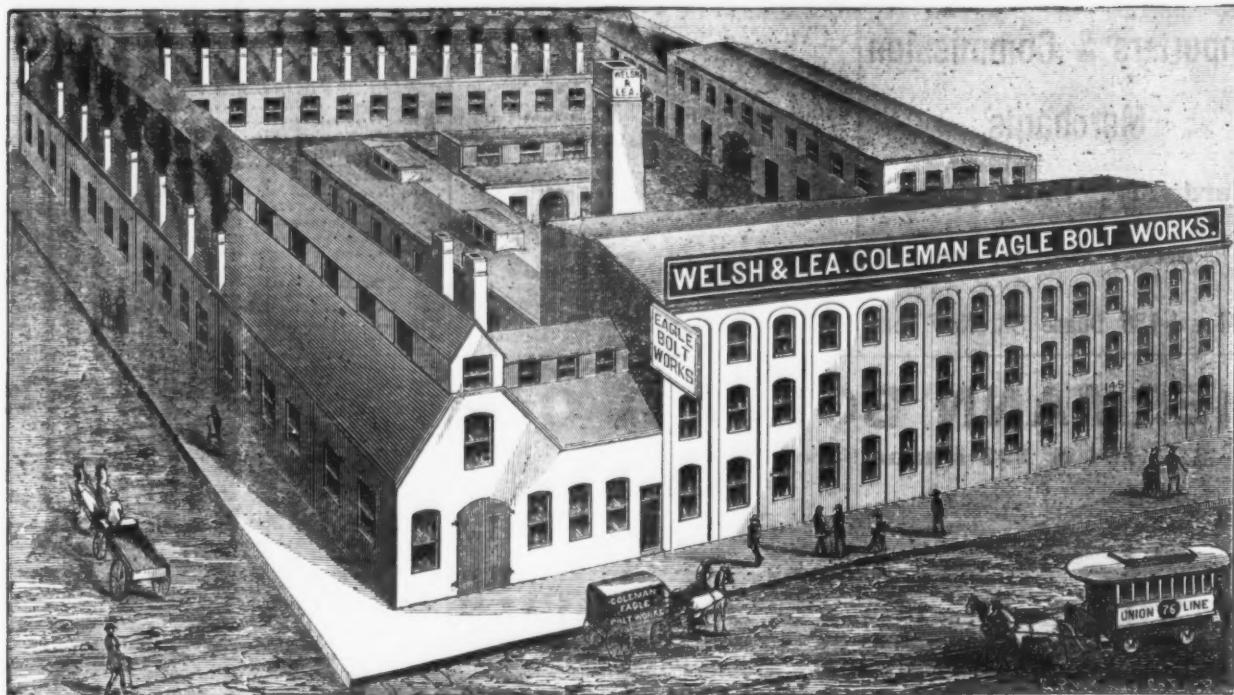
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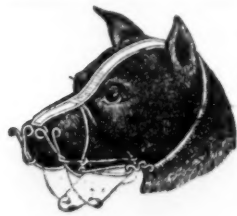
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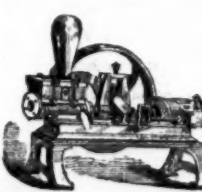


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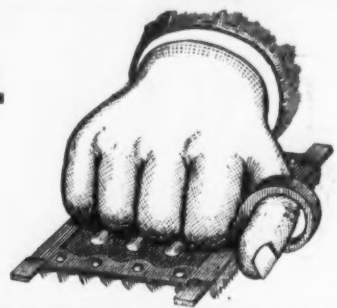
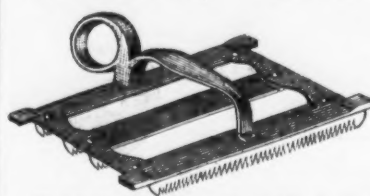
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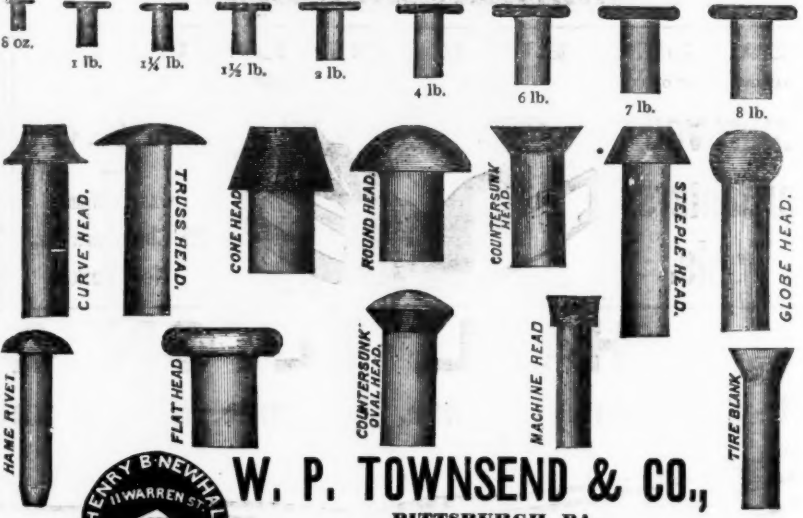
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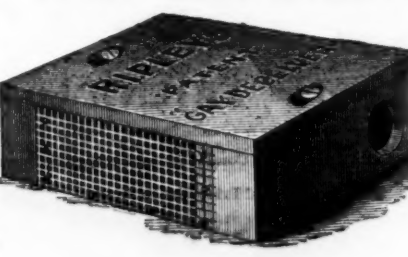
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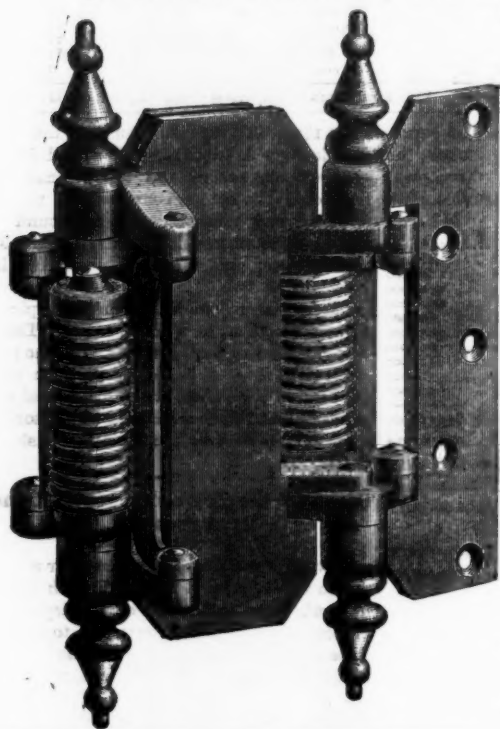
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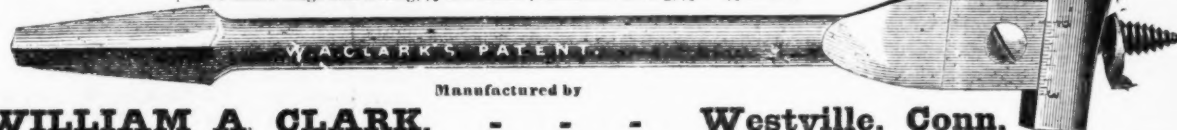
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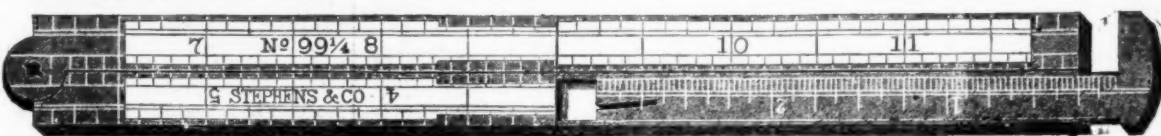


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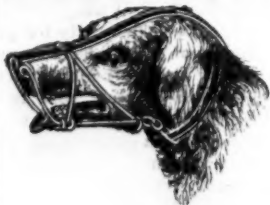
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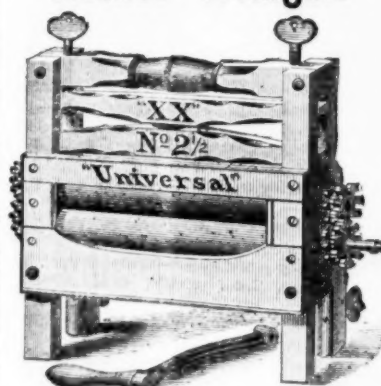
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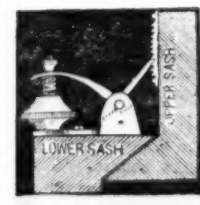
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A correspondent writing from Ohio gives us a gloomy account of the situation and immediate outlook in the new iron district of that State. He says: "It is reported that the Baird, Gore and Winona furnaces have decided to blow out as soon as their present stock is exhausted, because of unremunerative prices. It is also probable that the Bessie and the Moxahala furnaces will take the same course. With these furnaces out of blast, the production of

iron in the new Ohio iron district will be greatly decreased." Granting all, or nearly all, that has been claimed for this district in the way of natural advantages, it is quite evident to the unprejudiced observer that there have been some very injudicious investments in plant, and a disposition to discount too liberally its possibilities of future growth and development. Conspicuous natural advantages often become a drawback and hindrance to the progress of a district when speculation steps in to anticipate the appreciation in values which, unless based upon legitimate commercial considerations, cannot be sustained.

### Overproduction Again.

Mr. G. F. Filley, of St. Louis, in a paper read before the National Association of Stove Manufacturers at their Cleveland meeting, advanced some views with regard to the evils entailed by the use of labor-saving machinery which we think will scarcely find acceptance among those who have given thought to the economic questions which such a discussion naturally raises. We do not mean to say that Mr. Filley, for whose intelligence we have the highest respect, speaks without thought on this subject, but he certainly reaches conclusions which differ widely from those at which students of economic science generally arrive. As we print his address on another page we do not need to quote from it here more than a single paragraph, which summarizes the argument in a few words:

Some eight or ten years ago, at the height of the apparent prosperity in Europe and this country, when all departments of industry were unusually active, an intelligent and observant Englishman made the tour of the world to ascertain the power of the steam machinery at work producing those things used by mankind in their daily life. The result of the examination is briefly summed up in these remarkable and prophetic words: "If, said he, 'power and machinery shall continue to be increased and extended as it has been in the last thirty or fifty years, the time is not far distant when production will overtake consumption; and when that point is reached the commercial world will see greater distress than has ever known before.' Is not the prophecy being fulfilled? Has not production already overtaken consumption, and is not the resultant distress to be seen all around us in the long and still lengthening record of insolvencies? The steam-power at work in France does the work of 31,000,000 men. But Great Britain is far ahead of all the world in its possession and application of machinery. Its spinning machinery alone (Arkwright's invention) does the work of 40,000,000 persons, and it has been stated that its entire steam-power is equal to that of 800,000,000 persons. Add what Great Britain has done and is doing to what France, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Belgium have done in the same field; and also what we, with our fierce and reckless activity, have done in this remorseless competition for markets, and ask yourselves if the work of production has not reached and passed its climax.

Mr. Filley does not undertake to suggest a remedy for the evils to which he calls attention, but contents himself with noting the fact that the trouble he mentions exists, "that it is neither trifling nor transient," "but serious, and the product of active causes still at work and yielding every day the fruits of insolvency, idleness and distress." In this respect he is more modest and wiser than Mr. W. G. Moody, who read a paper on the displacement of labor by machinery at the recent meeting of the Science Association at Cincinnati. Mr. Moody began with the assumption that the laboring classes were better off before the invention of labor-saving machinery; that machinery has thrown millions out of employment and forced women and children to work long hours for a scanty pittance. He claims that it has broken up and destroyed our whole system of agriculture, which required the time and attention of all the sons and daughters of the farm, while now the sons seek cities for work and the girls go to factories to earn a living; that it has broken up and destroyed the work on wood, iron and leather in small shops where the rough material was wrought into finished articles; that it has taken up individual and independent action in production and manufacture, where any man with a trade could by his own hands earn his support, while now it is only so much pay for so much toil. That it has enormously developed the power of production, and that it has thrown half of the working classes out of employment. He held that the distress occasioned by it is not confined to the working classes, as it is seen in the 40,000 failures of the past five years, including every known business. The result is that most of this machinery is now idle, or nearly so. He concludes that the only way to correct this bad state of things is for Congress to pass laws limiting the hours of labor to a small number—three or five per day, perhaps—and thus enable all the working population to be employed without its resulting in overproduction. Cheapness of products the writer does not favor, because universal cheapness means universal poverty. He wants everything to bring a remunerative price to its producer, and then the world will get on more comfortably.

Probably both these gentlemen are inspired by the best and most generous of motives in urging their views upon the public notice. We know that Mr. Filley is one of the best and kindest of men, whose heart is moved by profound sympathy for all kinds of suffering and misfortune, and whose life reflects his love of right and justice. Mr. Moody we do not know, but are quite willing to accredit him with honesty of purpose and a true sympathy for the working classes. We are compelled to say, however, that both are widely mistaken, and that the effect of their utterances, so far as they reach the working classes, cannot but result in mischief. It is in consequence of such teachings less honestly promulgated that the farm laborers of many portions of the West are to-day threatening the farmers who employ

machinery in harvesting their crops with the destruction of their barns and cribs, or are anticipating the need of carrying this menace into effect by going from farm to farm in the night and ruthlessly breaking the delicate mechanism of mowers and reapers or pounding other improved farm machinery into shapeless ruin. These men believe that machinery is displacing labor, and that by destroying machinery they are bettering their own condition. Does any one else suppose that they are doing anything except malicious mischief, which, by crippling the resources of the farmers and placing obstacles in the way of agricultural industry, gives rise to evils which react upon both employers and laborers, injuring both? The logic of events has long ago disproved this whole argument. The opposition of labor to machinery, growing out of a short-sighted, narrow-minded view of its influence upon the welfare of the working classes, has always ended in the triumph of machinery and a betterment of the condition of labor. The silk weavers of France destroyed Jacquard's looms and drove him away in fear of his life, but he came back and his looms have furnished employment for a hundred where only one was employed before.

We invite those who believe with Mr. Filley that the world is producing in excess of its requirements, or with Mr. Moody that the hours of labor must be arbitrarily shortened to prevent an oversupply of useful commodities, to consider a few elementary truths which they have probably overlooked or forgotten. They may be stated as follows:

1. The end and aim of human effort is abundance.
2. Abundance means plenty so distributed that all reasonable wants are satisfied.
3. A state of abundance was never yet attained in any civilized country of the world.
4. The needs and desires of a people are always increasing as new means of satisfaction are provided; consequently, it is impossible to say when the point of abundance would be reached even with a steadily increasing production. Probably it never would be attained.

5. Until more useful commodities are produced than are needed to satisfy the reasonable wants of possible consumers in the world, there can be no overproduction.

6. Whatever simplifies and expedites production tends toward abundance by increasing the supply and cheapening the cost of the article produced, bringing it within the reach of a greater number of consumers.

7. Machinery is incapable of exercising intelligence, and steam-power can never displace brain-power. When a machine is made which will do a man's work, experience has shown that two men at least are needed to prepare material for the machine to work upon, to keep the machine in order and to replace it when worn out.

8. The interests of the workingman must be considered from a double standpoint. He is both a producer and a consumer. As a producer he is benefited by a steady average increase (with fluctuations) in the purchasing power of his labor because of the progress of mechanical improvement which makes his labor more productive. As a consumer he is benefited by the cheapened cost and greater variety of the commodities accessible to him. These facts are clearly established by the comparative statistics published in Dr. Young's valuable treatise entitled "Labor in Europe and America," published by the government in 1875.

The trouble from which we are now suffering in common with other countries results not from an excess of production, but from artificial obstacles in the way of a natural distribution. The world's economists are agreed that this is in great part due to the heritage of curses left us by the great and destructive wars of the past. However this may be, it is certain that, even in our own favored land, a large proportion of the people are underfed, improperly clothed, without adequate shelter and in need of many of the common necessities of life. Were their reasonable wants supplied and their reasonable desires satisfied, the surplus stocks which now burden our markets would disappear like water dropped upon sand, and all the mills and factories of the country could not satisfy the demand for more. As a manufacturer Mr. Filley may find it wise to restrict his production to the amount he can sell with profit; as an economist he should have no difficulty in seeing that the reason he cannot do a larger business is not because every consumer who wants a stove has one, but because there are more consumers than he could supply who cannot offer him anything in exchange for his stoves which he is willing to accept. No one bought more clothing, ate more food, slept in more beds, lived in more houses or consumed more of anything in 1870 than he wanted. Why, then, the lessened demand? Simply because consumption has been artificially restricted far within the limit of reasonable desires. Does any one suppose that this condition would be changed for the better if we could set back ten, twenty or thirty years the mechanical progress which has given us our present capacity for great and cheap production? If so he must reach his conclusions by strange methods of reasoning, and we can scarcely hope to say anything which will convince him of the truth of even so simple a proposition as that whatever tends to promote the general welfare is of benefit to all classes.

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On examining the statistics of the Treasury Department having reference to our export of articles of more especial interest to our readers, it will be found that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877, the following amounts, in thousands of dollars, were shipped to Spanish America and Brazilian ports:

	Mexico.	Central America.	Cuba.	Porto Rico.	Venezuela.	Brazil.	Uruguay.	Argentine Republic.	Chili.	Peru.	Colombia.	Total.	Total export to all countries.
Agri. impl'mts	21	1	34	5	4	8	51	79	59	18	34	314	1,816
Billiard tables	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	17
Blackings	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	35	102
Mfr's of brass	4	1	16	3	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	94	338
Brms & brushes	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	172
Carriages	20	19	12	11	41	8	1	4	5	4	15	140	866
Railroad cars	2	32	55	1	49	1	1	1	202	7	1	348	539
Clocks	7	1	9	1	4	16	2	2	5	5	19	71	1,026
Coal	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	300
Cop. & mfr's of	6	6	65	15	45	4	9	1	1	1	1	168	3,023
Cordage	11	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	217	384
Earthenware	11	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	88
Gas fixtures	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	27
Glass ware	25	9	59	6	16	8	1	1	1	1	1	49	181
Cables (hemp)	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	23	4	127	871
Mfr's. India rub.	11	1	18	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	49
Rails	8	1	105	1	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	146	244
Iron castings	14	1	37	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	73	218
Stoves	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	40
Locomotives	5	1	65	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	73	490
Steam engines	11	1	16	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	54
Other machin'y	201	22	361	16	70	178	9	30	40	317	1,253	2,668	
Nails and spikes	20	3	44	7	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	39	131
Other impl'mts	188	39	379	21	9	110	59	9	88	107	89	146	1,366
Cutlery	6	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	2	39
Edge tools	65	5	17	3	30	66	7	9	1	8	121	347	721
Files and saws	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	36
Fire-arms	119	4	49	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	319	507
Other machin'y	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	39
Lamps	9	1	10	4	10	24	4	7	3	8	7	87	243
Manuf. of leather	68	37	31	4	9	10	1	1	1	1	1	37	193
Manuf. of stone	6	3	18	18	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	55	918
Matches	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	69
Scientific inst's	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Musical	11	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	65
Naval stores	4	1	24	2	11	52	21	27	10	10	3	174	2,444
Ref'd petroleum	223	15	527	65	78	904	154	231	137	73	44	2,451	55,401
Gunpowder	27	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	53
Cartridges	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Faints	12	4	31	3	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	91
Plated ware	1	1	10	1	6	19	1	4	5	1	1	8	150
Printing presses	13	2	9	7	7	10	2	1	1	1	1	6	57
Quicksilver	253	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	1,767
Scales	1	1	15	3	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	159
Sewing mach	116	6	63	10	39	21	1	1	1	1	1	81	391
Spts. turpentine	1	1	13	1	1	30	8	16	18	7	1	95	2,275
Fire engines	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62
Mfrs. of tin	6	3	30	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Trunks	8	8	39	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	7
Varnish	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Wood and mfrs.	159	51	2,580	355	123	287	221	102	255	290	142	4,562	18,438
Mfrs. of zinc	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	1,887	298	5,161	610	882	2,212	510	556	1,035	859	1,702	15,712	116,000

In the order of their importance as represented by the amounts set against each, the various countries with which we have principally dealt in the foregoing articles rank as follows:

Cuba.....	\$5,161,000
Brazil.....	2,212,000
Mexico.....	1,887,000
Colombia.....	1,702,000
Chili.....	1,035,000
Venezuela.....	882,000
Peru.....	859,000
Porto Rico.....	610,000
Argentine Republic.....	556,000
Uruguay.....	510,000
Central America.....	298,000

Total.....\$15,712,000

To other countries we



"closed against England forever. I would not go further and maintain that in France we need fear the competition of American products. Fortunately for us the great centers of manufacture of the United States are far from the coast, so that I do not believe we need fear the introduction of American products for a long time; but as England no longer possesses the great outlet she once had, she naturally seeks to throw her products into Italy, Spain and France. This has caused an excessive fall in prices, which has been followed by German and Belgian manufacturers. In my estimation the principal causes of depression are excessive production and the closing of the American market."

M. Julien, who only a few months ago advocated a lower tariff on some articles, now urgently pleads for the maintenance of present duties, substantiating his arguments by a series of facts and figures which tend to show that French metallurgical industries must succumb unless protected. It is a curious coincidence that French ironmasters energetically resist any legislative changes; thus, M. Schneider, the owner of the famous Creuzot Works, declares that the causes of the present depression are too profound, too intricate, to be suddenly removed by acts of government. It is urged that the only means of meeting foreign competition, if the duties should be lowered, would be to reduce wages and thus force the workman to bear a considerable share of the losses attendant upon the present struggle for the possession of a market for the iron produced.

#### Blast Furnace Statistics of the Chattanooga District.

Having occasion lately to ascertain the number of furnaces in blast in the Chattanooga district, it was suggested to us to push our inquiries somewhat into detail; and though the results are similar to those which would be developed by like investigation in other districts, yet there are special points shown by the present condition of ironmaking in the Southern region as a whole, and particularly in the Chattanooga portion of it, which would not be found elsewhere.

Except in one trifling instance—which proved a failure—the coke furnace was unknown in the South before the war. The exception was a small coke furnace located in Chattanooga, which made a small amount of "white" iron, and ended in a "chill," in 1860. The charcoal irons of the South, however, had attained a wide reputation 10 years before the war, and were produced in considerable quantities, those of East and Middle Tennessee and Southwest Virginia being specially prized for the manufacture of boilers and for other purposes where great tensile strength was required; and it may be added that these irons still bear a high repute for such uses. The census of 1850 showed that Tennessee was the second State in the Union in the product of charcoal pig. North Georgia and Alabama had also attained considerable importance as producers of "fine charcoal" irons. The success of charcoal ironmaking in the South previous to the war was remembered at the end of the strife, and the recollection greatly stimulated investments in that line of manufacture from 1865 to 1874. Of the 24 charcoal stacks now standing and capable of being put in blast without rebuilding, in East Tennessee, North Georgia and Alabama, only nine, all of the smallest size, were built before and during the war. The other fifteen were all completed from 1868 to 1874. In Alabama there are nine charcoal furnaces, with an annual capacity of 47,500 tons. Of these three are in blast with a total capacity of 22,500 tons per annum. The average capacity of the stacks in blast is 7500 tons; the average capacity of the six stacks out of blast is 4166½ tons.

In Georgia there are eight charcoal furnaces, all out of blast. Their annual capacity is 36,200 tons. Probably none of these will ever be blown in again except the Cherokee, which has an annual capacity of 10,000 tons, and will be put in blast in September next and continue in blast a year if the market justifies it.

In East Tennessee there are eight charcoal stacks, with an annual capacity of 16,000 tons, of which but one is in blast. This has a capacity of about 2000 tons, and is owned and operated by the Knoxville Car Wheel Company, and its product is all consumed by that company. The average annual capacity of those out of blast is 2000 tons.

There are in East Tennessee, North Georgia and Alabama—i. e., in the Chattanooga district—eight coke furnaces, five of which are in blast, which have a total annual capacity of 50,800 tons, an average of 10,160 tons each; three are out of blast with a total capacity of 32,000 tons, an average capacity of 10,666½ tons each. One of these idle stacks is in the Rockwood plant—one stack, the larger and better one, being in blast. The only large idle coke furnace is Oakdale, which is unfortunately located with reference to transportation, being on neither a navigable river nor a railroad. The other two that are out of blast are small and not modern in construction.

It does not require any analysis of these facts and figures to show that the days of the small furnace are numbered; and it is only needed to point to Oakdale, one of the best-built stacks in the country and surrounded by fuel and ore, to illustrate the folly of putting a furnace any place but

where the cheapest transportation can be had at minimum cost of handling the product, no matter what the inducements may be offered in the way of fuel and ore.

The struggle between employers and workmen in the British iron trade is now assuming a shape in which the odds are decidedly against labor. The abstract of the sixth annual report of the Iron Trade Employers' Association, which we print on another page, shows that the members are preparing to combat the unions by means likely to prove effective. The report advises the discharge of all foremen who are members of the union, and urges the importance of united action in all measures adopted for the protection of capital. The recommendation with regard to unionist foremen is made on the ground that a man cannot serve his employer faithfully in a position of trust and still be a member of a labor organization. This should not be assumed, except when the fact is proven by experience. We cannot, however, wonder at the tone of the report or the feeling of employers. Wages in Great Britain are now above the normal level, and must decline until that level is reached before anything like general prosperity can return to British industries. In this country they have declined below the normal level, and must advance, probably from 10 to 25 per cent., before a healthy industrial and commercial activity can be expected.

### THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

#### American Exhibits.

(From our Special Correspondent at Paris.)

S. HARTSHORN, 486 Broadway, has on exhibition samples of his patent shade roller, which is simple in construction and effective in operation. L. H. OLMSTED, of New York, has an exhibit of Little Harry's odorless safety night lamp. This little favorite is shown in various shades of colored glass, handled and plain, mounted in brass, with small reflectors, as brackets, &c.

THE FRAZER LUBRICATOR CO., of New York, exhibit their well-known lubricator, the Frazer axle grease, which they claim to be a superior lubricant, made from pure fresh oils and free from gum, acid, sediment or water.

A small working model of THE BLAKE CRUSHER, to be run by hand, is exhibited in the Machinery Department. We learn that similar machines have been made for laboratory uses and for other purposes when but little material was to be operated upon, especially in reducing large lumps to a size for the mortar. We have so often described this machine that it would be useless to repeat it. At this exposition the best exhibits of American invention are to be found in the English section.

F. S. PEASE, Buffalo, N. Y., makes a fine display of crude petroleum, both of common gravity and lubricating and refined. In the illuminating oils they claim higher fire test and superior color. They have samples of kerosene, signal head light, and miners' oils among their illuminating oils, and crude, West Virginia and Franklin, Pa., lubricating oils, and the same prepared for such uses as sewing machines, engines, cars, cylinders, &c.

CRANE BROS., Chicago, Ill., make an exhibit of but one branch of their extensive line of manufactures, brass and malleable fittings for steam, water and gas. The brass fittings include a large line of samples of compression bibb and air cocks of various sizes, water gauges and oil cups. In malleable iron a large number of sizes and patterns of joints, crosses, lock nuts, elbows, &c., for water and gas pipes are shown. The display also includes taps and dies and lever-handled oil pumps.

Messrs. Hamelle & Fleutelot, of Paris, the agents of

LEONARD & ELLIS of New York exhibit special oils for cylinders made under the trade-mark "Valvoline." It is asserted regarding the manufacture of this oil that no substance is used which is not neutral and absolutely pure. The oils are stated to stand 350°, to be unchangeable and not to congeal, while 50 per cent. economy in use and, from its perfect lubrication, a much greater and more uniform power is obtained, and a consequent smaller consumption of fuel and less wear of parts results. The Centennial award to this oil was based on its extreme purity, its resistance to vaporization and its great lubricating power.

IDEN & CO., of New York, make a fine display of brass and bronze gas chandeliers, hall, pillar and drop lights. The designs are very light and graceful in some of these goods, especially those finished in brass and gilt. The gold and bronze finish of others has a very pleasing effect, while the bronze in various colors has the solidity that so many prefer.

BAEDER, ADAMSON & CO. make an exhibit of their well-known manufactures, including both glue and other animal products, and flints and emery papers. The display of the latter includes flint rock in its natural state and flint and extra flint sandpaper made by their improved process, both in sheets of ordinary size and in rolls of 25 and 50 yards. Among other goods shown are emery paper and cloth glue, hair, rawhide and rawhide whips, bone dust, moss, &c.

J. B. BAKER'S ANTI-FRICTION METAL CO., 400 Canal Street, New York, exhibit samples of their American white brass for journal bearings, gibs, &c., for which they claim superior wearing qualities, absence from heating or cutting, running with less friction

and a great saving in oil. They also exhibit samples of Baker's white brass lining metal.

WALTON BROS., New York, make a small exhibit of railroad lanterns, pocket dark lanterns and railroad punches. A patent railroad signal lantern for instantly changing the color of the light from white to red is quite ingenious, a red cloth being raised or lowered over the glass by very simple mechanism. They also show a galvanized iron army feed box, which is adopted by the U. S. government.

THE WATERBURY BUTON COMPANY, of Waterbury, have made a very handsome display of their goods. It includes a large line of brass, metal, mineral and cloth buttons for military and naval uses, schools, secret societies, as well as for common and every day use. These are arranged in a fine case in various patterns, making an attractive exhibit. They also show belt clasps, buckles, slides, &c., and jewels for secret society and military organizations.

THE LOBDELL CAR WHEEL CO., of Wilmington, Del., which asserts the claim to be the oldest car-wheel establishment in the United States, having been established in 1836, make a very creditable display, not only of car wheels, but of other manufactures of chilled iron, such as chilled rolls for paper and rubber manufacturers, and for welding tubes. The wheels shown are of all sizes, from those for running cars of 18 inch diameter up to the largest for engine tender and car service of 50 inches. The record of some of these wheels is marvelous. In June, 1874, a wheel was removed from a freight car on the Erie Road which had been 25 years in constant service, and though no record had been kept of its mileage, it must have been upward of a million miles. Other wheels are shown from the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad that were in use from 20 to 22 years. Fourteen, 16 and 18 years seems no uncommon record for these wheels. Records are shown of 56,668, 65,176 and 79,000 miles. The wheels on exhibition that have made these high mileages are mounted side by side with new ones of the same size, and the wear becomes at once manifest. Many of the wheels are turned on the tread under a process patented by Mr. W. W. Lobdell. This is to prevent the chipping out to which chilled wheels are somewhat liable, and it is claimed to be a successful process. The Union Pacific Railroad have it in use and find it especially valuable in turning up old wheels.

The chilled rolls shown consist of a stack of 10 rolls for calendering paper, and three disconnected rolls for rubber or paper, one of which is hollow for the admission of steam for drying or heating, so as to give a better surface to paper. The rolls in the stack are from 8 inches to 16 inches in diameter and 36 inches on the face. They are ground separately, and are so true that when placed together they bear upon each other through their entire length. These rolls are very highly praised by the French paper manufacturers. In the first place, they are said to be larger than any in France, the largest in use here being 60 to 70 inches in length, and, secondly, the French rolls are of soft iron, or if chilled but the thinnest skin is obtained, and they fail in that uniformity combined with surface and great hardness which are the distinguishing features of chilled rolls made from American cold-blast iron. A roll is shown which is supposed to be the largest chill roll ever cast, being 127 inches on the face and 8 in diameter finished. When the difficulties of casting chills are remembered this is a marvel. Its surface seems perfectly true and without a flaw. There are also shown two rolls for use in welding and straightening tubes, or for lap-welding. It is claimed for these that the superior hardness of the chilled surface gives a much longer life than those made of soft iron.

In connection with the calendering rolls mentioned above is an expanding pulley, the invention of Mr. Geo. C. Lobdell, which has considerable merit. The principle of expansion is the forcing of a cone into the center of the pulley by a wheel which encircles the shaft and is so connected with the cone that when the shaft and pulley are in motion, simply holding it will operate the expanding gear. The spokes of the pulley move in sleeves.

THE exhibit of A WHITNEY & SONS, of Philadelphia, though not so extensive as that of either of the other car wheel manufacturers, is very good, and shows perhaps by its arrangement the peculiar skill and fracture of car wheel irons better than the others. In a small show case, not so high as to be difficult to examine, are a number of samples of chilled iron broken so as to show the depth and character of the chills. The specimens are very fine, showing great regularity in the depth of chill and a fracture resembling the hardest and most compact steel. In the rear of this case the firm show single and double plate chilled iron car wheels and tram wheels of the spoke pattern. A car wheel has an inscription that speaks volumes for the grade of wheels made by this firm. It shows that the wheel, which is a 33-inch single plate one, had run under an engine tank over 120,000 miles and was still good for service. The firm of A. Whitney & Sons is one of the oldest in the United States manufacturing car wheels, having been established in 1847 or near this date. It was the first to make car wheels with the plate or disk straight or nearly so, and strengthen it by brackets or arms extending from the hub to the rim. They also use a patent process of annealing which they claim gives their wheels a great advantage. Their works have an annual capacity of 90,000 wheels.

ROBERT TAYLOR & CO., of Philadelphia, exhibit several hundred crucibles of different sizes and adapted to various uses, such as the melting of gold, silver, brass, copper, nickel, steel, &c. The crucibles are divided into classes, from No. 1 to No. 150, each number representing a melting capacity of three pounds of bronze. The actual capacity for different metals varies with the specific gravity, as, for example, at the United States Mint, the crucible No. 70 melts 200 pounds of bronze, 250 of silver and 350 of gold. The following table gives the numbers, dimensions, liquid con-

tents and melting capacity of the crucibles made by this firm:

No.	Height, Inches.	Breadth, Inches.	Liquid capacity, Pints.	Melting capacity, Lbs.
1.....	3 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	3
2.....	3 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	6
3.....	4 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	9
4.....	5 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	12
5.....	6 1/2	5 1/2	1 1/2	15
6.....	7 1/2	6 1/2	2 1/2	18
7.....	8 1/2	7 1/2	3 1/2	24
8.....	9 1/2	8 1/2	4 1/2	30
9.....	10 1/2	9 1/2	5 1/2	36
10.....	11 1/2	10 1/2	6 1/2	42
11.....	12 1/2	11 1/2	7 1/2	48
12.....	13 1/2	12 1/2	8 1/2	54
13.....	14 1/2	13 1/2	9 1/2	60
14.....	15 1/2	14 1/2	10 1/2	66
15.....	16 1/2	15 1/2	11 1/2	72
16.....	17 1/2	16 1/2	12 1/2	78
17.....	18 1/2	17 1/2	13 1/2	84
18.....	19 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	90
19.....	20 1/2	19 1/2	15 1/2	96
20.....	21 1/2	20 1/2	16 1/2	102
21.....	22 1/2	21 1/2	17 1/2	108
22.....	23 1/2	22 1/2	18 1/2	114
23.....	24 1/2	23 1/2	19 1/2	120
24.....	25 1/2	24 1/2	20 1/2	126
25.....	26 1/2	25 1/2	21 1/2	132
26.....	27 1/2	26 1/2	22 1/2	138
27.....	28 1/2	27 1/2	23 1/2	144
28.....	29 1/2	28 1/2	24 1/2	150
29.....	30 1/2	29 1/2	25 1/2	156
30.....	31 1/2	30 1/2	26 1/2	162
31.....	32 1/2	31 1/2	27 1/2	168
32.....	33 1/2	32 1/2	28 1/2	174
33.....	34 1/2	33 1/2	29 1/2	180
34.....	35 1/2	34 1/2	30 1/2	186
35.....	36 1/2	35 1/2	31 1/2	192
36.....	37 1/2	36 1/2	32 1/2	198
37.....	38 1/2	37 1/2	33 1/2	204
38.....	39 1/2	38 1/2	34 1/2	210
39.....	40 1/2	39 1/2	35 1/2	216
40.....	41 1/2	40 1/2	36 1/2	222
41.....	42 1/2	41 1/2	37 1/2	228
42.....	43 1/2	42 1/2	38 1/2	234
43.....	44 1/2	43 1/2	39 1/2	240
44.....	45 1/2	44 1/2	40 1/2	246
45.....	46 1/2	45 1/2	41 1/2	252
46.....	47 1/2	46 1/2	42 1/2	258
47.....	48 1/2	47 1/2	43 1/2	264
48.....	49 1/2	48 1/2	44 1/2	270
49.....	50 1/2	49 1/2	45 1/2	276
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62.....	63 1/2	62 1/2	58 1/2	354
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65.....	66 1/2	65 1/2	61 1/2	372
66.....	67 1/2	66 1/2	62 1/2	378
67.....	68 1/2	67 1/2	63 1/2	384
68.....	69 1/2	68 1/2	64 1/2	390
69.....	70 1/2	69 1/2	65 1/2	396
70.....	71 1/2	70 1/2	66 1/2	402
71.....	72 1/2	71 1/2	67 1/2	408
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73.....	74 1/2	73 1/2	69 1/2	420
74.....	75 1/2	74 1/2	70 1/2	426
75.....	76 1/2	75 1/2	71 1/2	432
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77.....	78 1/2	77 1/2	73 1/2	444
78.....	79 1/2	78 1/2	74 1/2	450
79.....	80 1/2	79 1/2	75 1/2	456
80.....	81 1/2	80 1/2	76 1/2	462
81.....	82 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/2	468
82.....	83 1/2	82 1/2	78 1/2	474
83.....	84 1/2	83 1/2	79 1/2	480
84.....	85 1/2	84 1/2	80 1/2	486
85.....	86 1/2	85 1/2	81 1/2	492
86.....	87 1/2	86 1/2	82 1/2	498
87.....	88 1/2	87 1/2	83 1/2	504
88.....	89 1/2	88 1/2	84 1/2	510
89.....	90 1/2	89 1/2	85 1/2	516
90.....	91 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	522
91.....	92 1/2	91 1/2	87 1/2	528
92.....	93 1/2	92 1/2	88 1/2	534
93.....	94 1/2	93 1/2	89 1/2	540
94.....	95 1/2	94 1/2	90 1/2	546
95.....	96 1/2	95 1/2	91 1/2	552
96.....	97 1/2	96 1/2	92 1/2	558
97.....	98 1/2	97 1/2	93 1/2	564
98.....	99 1/2	98 1/2	94 1/2	570
99.....	100 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	576
100.....	101 1/2	100 1/2	96 1/2	582
101.....	102 1/2	101 1/2	97 1/2	588
102.....	103 1/2	102 1/2	98 1/2	594
103.....	104 1/2	103 1/2	99 1/2	600
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110.....	111 1/2	110 1/2	106 1/2	642
111.....	112 1/2	111 1/2	107 1/2	648
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114.....	115 1/2	114 1/2	110 1/2	666
115.....	116 1/2	115 1/2	111 1/2	672
116.....	117 1/2	116 1/2	112 1/2	678
117.....	118 1/2	117 1/2	113 1/2	684
118.....	119 1/2	118 1/2	114 1/2	690
119.....	120 1/2	119 1/2	115 1/2	696
120.....	121 1/2	120 1/2	116 1/2	702
121.....	122 1/2	121 1/2	117 1/2	708
122.....	123 1/2	122 1/2	118 1/2	714
123.....	124 1/2	123 1/2	119 1/2	720
124.....	125 1/2	124 1/2	120 1/2	726
125.....	126 1/2	125 1/2	121 1/2	732
126.....	127 1/2	126 1/2	122 1/2	738
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130.....	131 1/2	130 1/2	126 1/2	762
131.....	132 1/2	131 1/2	127 1/2	768
132.....	133 1/2	132 1/2	128 1/2	774
133.....	134 1/2	133 1/2	129 1/2	780
134.....	135 1/2	134 1/2	130 1/2	



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## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. PHILADELPHIA, 1876.

(No. 235.)

The United States Centennial Commission has examined the report of the Judges, and accepted the following reasons, and decreed an award in conformity therewith.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8, 1876.

### REPORT ON AWARDS.

Product: **Iron, Brass and Steel Screws, Tire and Stove-Bolts, Rivets.**

Name and address of Exhibitor: American Screw Company, Providence, R. I.

The undersigned having examined the product herein described, respectfully recommends the same to the United States Centennial Commission for Award, for the following reasons, viz: **Being of a quality nearly approaching perfection, showing the highest attainment in this branch of manufacture.**

G. L. REED, Signature of the Judge.

Approval of Group Judges,

Daniel Steinmetz,  
Jas. Bain,  
Chas. Staples,

G. L. Reed,  
J. D. Imboden,

J. Dittenbach,  
Dav. McHardy.

A true copy of the record. FRANCIS A. WALKER, Chief of the Bureau of Awards.  
Given by authority of the United States Centennial Commission.

[L.S.] J. L. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

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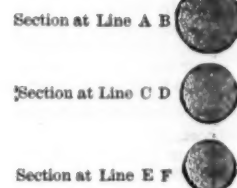
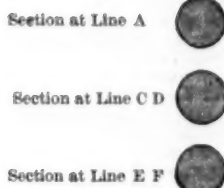
The method of manufacturing is also patented, and we are changing our machinery as fast as possible, to manufacture the improved article only. To introduce them, they will be sold at the same price as the old style screw.

The new screws will be packed in manila colored boxes with the new label covering end of box, and enlarged figures showing plainly contents.

To distinguish this screw we have adopted a trade-mark, which is also secured to us.

The accompanying engravings show the progress of making screw from the old blunt point to style now adopted.

Experience has shown that the weak point of screws, as formerly made, is at the heel of the thread, where all



Estimated to be FIFTY PER CENT. stronger than a Screw as Commonly made.

the strains of forcing the screw into the wood naturally concentrate.

To avoid the sharp angle existing in the old style of screws has been the aim of all manufacturers, but every expedient hitherto adopted has proved as objectionable as the evil complained of.

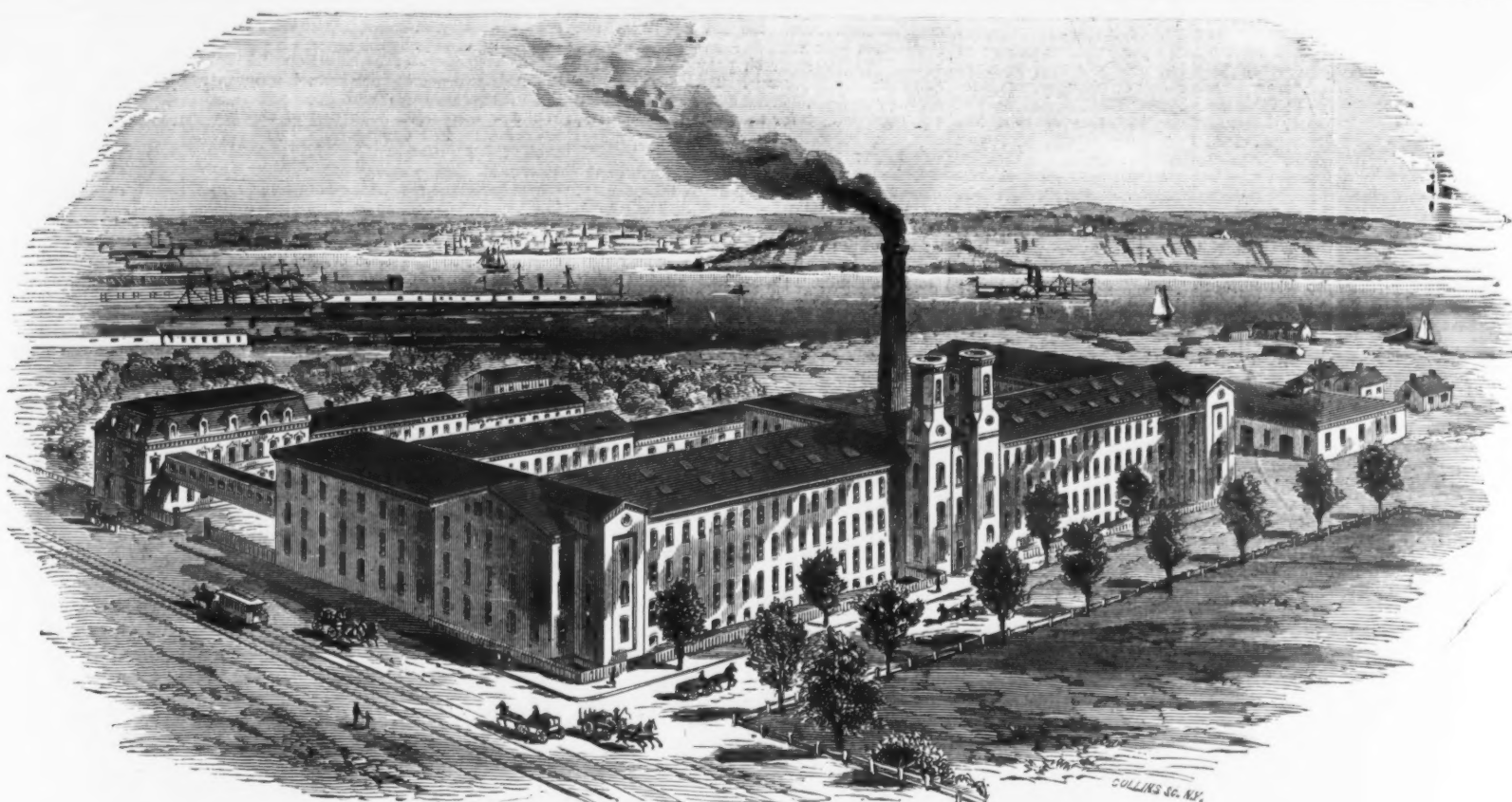
It will be seen in our new screw that not only is the sharp angle avoided, but the strength very much increased, as illustrated. See sections at lines.

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"A Pointed Wood Screw having the outer periphery of the thread upon its body cylindrical, while a portion of the body below the thread and near the neck is conical, the remainder of the body to the point being cylindrical, and yet having all the thread brought to an edge of a constant angle, without jogs in the paths between the threads, substantially as described."

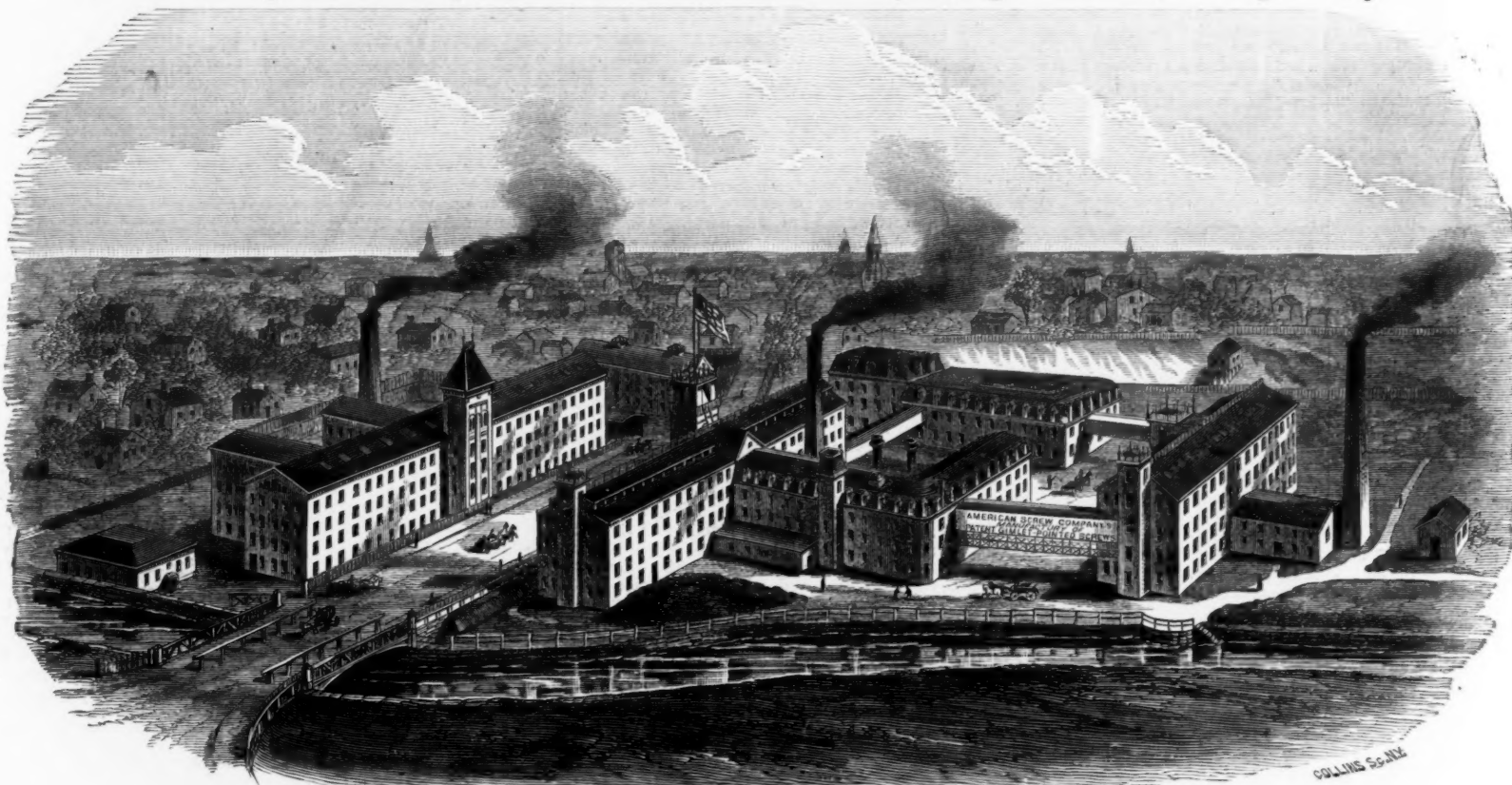
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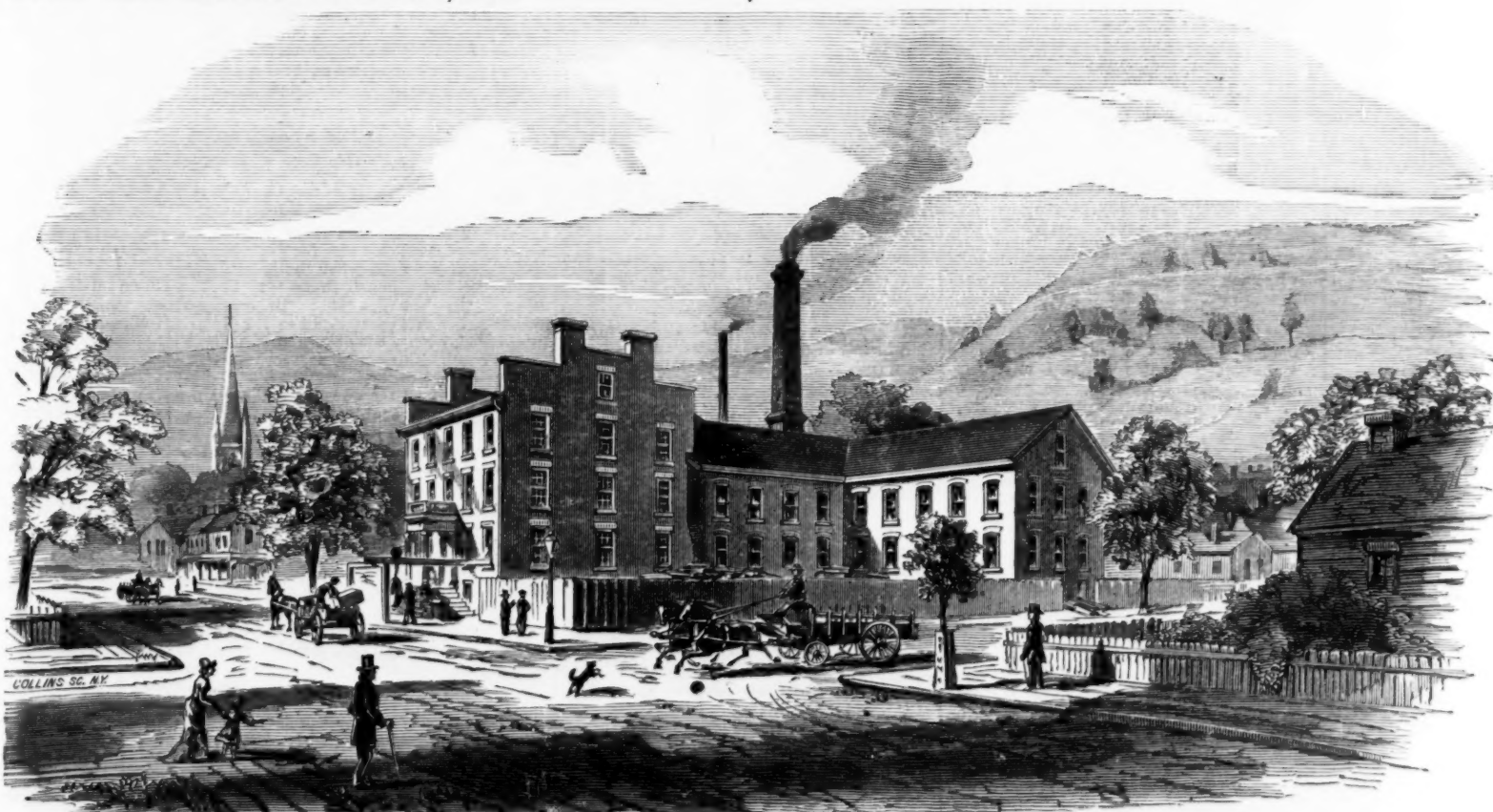
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## National Association of Stove Manufacturers.

(Concluded.)

The president said that he had requested Mr. G. F. Filley, of St. Louis, to prepare a paper to be read at this meeting. That gentleman then read the following interesting paper, which was received with applause:

### Address of Giles F. Filley.

All the trades and industries are anxiously and impatiently asking how long the present ruinous depression, which began in 1873, is to continue. What is the cause of the extraordinary paralysis which has benumbed the tremendous productive agencies of the age, and produced such multiplied bankruptcies and so much suffering in the midst of such unexampled abundance? It is an interesting question. Indeed, it is the most interesting question of the day and age. It involves a social problem of the gravest difficulty and importance. Let us see what are the causes of the state of things complained of.

It was about one hundred years ago that Watt perfected the steam engine, which is the power that now moves the world. It was about the same time that Arkwright invented and perfected the machinery for spinning cotton and wool thread that now supplies the human family with good and cheap clothing. It was about the same time that Wedgwood discovered and perfected new methods for making earthenware. It was about the same time that the improved and cheapened processes for working iron was discovered. And it was about the same time that Count Rumford conducted his important experiments for supplying the race with cheaper and better food. The great controlling agencies of our civilization were brought into play at once, and set to work developing and applying force, turning machinery, making clothing, preparing food, instruments of comfort and pleasure, and supplying wants that had never been supplied before, and lifting the human race out of the rude condition of squalor and ignorance into its present condition of opulence and power.

The nations were exhilarated by the influence of these discoveries and inventions, and put forth efforts which, compared with all that have been seen before, were surprising. England, with the aid of the new machinery, began to supply her own people with better clothing, better houses, better food, and more comforts than they had ever possessed before.

But England's producing power soon outgrew the demands of her own people, and she went out to distribute her surplus products over the world, and the result is that wonderful aggregation of wealth which England and Englishmen now possess. Other nations imitated her example, and each successive year increased the number and the power of producing agencies, until about the year 1870, when the climax was reached. The task which the world had set out to do was done—and overdone. Since that year we have found out that our power to produce is greater than our capacity to consume, and the forced idleness of a large portion of our producing agencies, built at a heavy cost, has reacted in the derangement and bankruptcies we see and hear of in the great centers of industry and trade at home and abroad.

Some eight or ten years ago, at the height of the apparent prosperity in Europe and this country, when all departments of industry were unusually active, an intelligent and observant Englishman made the tour of the world to ascertain the power of the steam machinery at work producing those things used by mankind in their daily life. The result of the examination is briefly summed up in these remarkable and prophetic words: "If," said he, "power and machinery shall continue to be increased and extended as it has been in the last thirty or fifty years, the time is not far distant when production will overtake consumption; and when that point is reached the commercial world will see greater distress than was ever known before." Is not the prophecy being fulfilled? Has not production already overtaken consumption, and is not the resultant distress to be seen all around us in the long and still lengthening record of insolvencies? The steam power at work in France does the work of 31,000,000 men. But Great Britain is far ahead of all the world in its possession and application of machinery. Its spinning machinery alone (Arkwright's invention) does the work of 40,000,000 persons, and it has been stated that its entire steam power is equal to that of 800,000,000 persons. Add to what Great Britain has done and is doing, what France, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Belgium have done in the same field, add also what we, with our fierce and reckless activity, have done in this remorseless competition for markets—and ask yourselves if the work of production has not reached and passed its climax.

Early in 1877, Mr. Stephen Bourne, Fellow of the Statistical Society of England, read an elaborate paper on the rise and decline of the commerce of England from 1816 to 1877. The facts stated will be interesting and instructive to this Association. English imports in 1816 were \$125,000,000, and exports \$258,000,000. This excess of exports over imports was maintained for a period of 38 years, during which the aggregate excess was \$8,000,000,000 (eight thousand million dollars), which have been added to the wealth of the country in the shape of profits. These great profits were kept up till the year 1870, when the books begin to show a change. From that year the imports exceed the exports, showing a decline of prosperity and a consumption of capital. During the last seven years her aggregate imports have exceeded her exports by about one-third. What this means I need not tell you.

In the last ten years the manufacturers of Massachusetts have increased 88 per cent., while its labor has increased 30½ per cent., showing that with the aid of machinery one person now does what it required three to do ten years ago. The spindle capacity of the New England State is equal to the work of supplying 80,000,000 population with the kind of goods made, while the home popula-

tion to be supplied is only 40,000,000. Prior to 1788, before steam was introduced in France, 60 per cent. of its products represented labor and 40 per cent. material; at the present time the products represent 40 per cent. in labor and 60 per cent. in material; striking proof of the displacement of labor by machinery in a country that has less machinery, in proportion, than any other in the world. Mr. Carroll D. Wright, in a paper read before the Social Science Association, at Cincinnati, states that the products of 6,000,000 persons engaged in agriculture in the United States in 1870 were such that it would have required the labor of 25,000,000 persons to make them by the old system of hand farming in use thirty years ago.

Again, in 1872, this country imported about one-third of the iron used; in other words, we consumed all the iron we ourselves made, and half as much more besides; but five years later less than one-third of our own furnaces produced as much iron as was produced in 1872. Could any amount of statistics furnish a more startling illustration of the dissipation of capital going on around us than this simple fact?

It may be asked, what has all this to do with stove making? Let me answer the question by asking another: Can our trade hope to escape the common danger and demoralization that affects all others? Is the depression in our business the result of transient causes, while the depression in all other producing industries is the inexorable result of causes wide, deep and permanent? We do not, perhaps, employ machinery to the same extent with other trades; but have we not accomplished the same end by undue extensions of our works and a multiplication of our foundries beyond the limit indicated by the wants of consumers? In other words, are we not either producing or able to produce more stoves than the country can consume?

Do we not feel the same disappointments that are experienced by other trades? Are we not governed by the same laws of supply and demand? The affirmative can be the only answer to these questions, and the only solution to the trouble is that we shall strictly adjust the supply to the demand when that demand can be ascertained!

Fifty years ago found our country almost devoid of cooking and heating stoves. Their great utility at once developed a rapid and universal demand—a demand that taxed the utmost capacity of manufacturers to supply. The enterprise was new and profitable, and this of itself brought capitalists to its aid. Commencing in the eastern portion of our country, the trade extended westward as population moved in that direction, which, with the facilities then at hand was soon supplied, and on the disappearance of slavery in the South, a new domestic, social and industrial condition was inaugurated, which demanded economical arrangements peculiarly favorable to our trade. In adjusting itself to this new condition the South made extraordinary demands for cooking and heating stoves to do the service which before had been performed by rude and wasteful labor, thus furnishing another example of the displacement of human muscle by machinery and improved implements.

It might be here stated that the real wants of the country were met, that there were no new fields to be opened, and as population did not continue to increase in proportion to the capacity to supply, it was not long before production exceeded consumption. Capacity increases while demand decreases, for it was clear that as soon as the households were once equipped with stoves the greedy demand would be sated, and henceforth limited to what were needed to make up wear and tear and the natural increase of population. Stoves are not the perishable fabrics that require to be replaced year by year, or even five or ten years, and no one presumes to buy two stoves when but one is needed; hence the trade must be limited to actual need. Another important feature in establishing what the country will demand of us is the rigorous economy that our people at present are bound to practice.

Have we not overlooked these important facts? Have we not taken the demand of 1870 and prior thereto for an expression of the normal needs of the country? And have we not enlarged our foundries and built new ones to meet it till our capacity has overreached our business? and is not the ruinous competition that now exists, and is not the undue and unwise ornamentation that is now practiced on our goods, the direct result of over-production?

It is fully apparent that if one-half the capacity to produce stoves were destroyed to-day, there would then be enough left to supply the entire wants of the country. Thus it has been that product was piled upon product until at last the fabric gave way, carrying with it the destruction that has befallen so many other enterprises. Here we meet with the fulfillment of the prediction of our English political economist, who declared that when production did overtake consumption we should see greater distress than ever before known.

I do not attempt to indicate the remedy for the grave trouble which I have suggested. It is sufficient for the present to show that the trouble does exist, and that it is neither trifling nor transient, but serious, and the product of active causes still at work and yielding every day its fruits of insolvency, idleness and distress.

The paper was listened to with great interest by the members, and referred to a committee of three—Messrs. Bradley, Shepard and W. H. Tefft.

Mr. Grange Sard, Jr., in response to a generally expressed wish, made some remarks upon the subject of his recent visit to England and the Continent, and also in reference to American trade with Europe. He said that his trip had been a short one, and was taken wholly with a view to pleasure and not to business. He did not feel that he had any report to make—in fact, he had tried to banish all thoughts of business while he was away. He would say, however, a few words upon the subject of foreign trade. There had been much notice given to this lately, and manufacturers of some classes of goods seem to have run mad in seeking a foreign market. There certainly was a market for many American articles—articles of food, products of the soil, agricultural implements, sewing machines

and labor-saving machines—but he did not think that there would be a large European demand for stoves. He did not think the Europeans took kindly to American stoves. The English were much prejudiced against them for many reasons. They are a conservative people. What served their fathers was good enough for the present generation, and there was also their love of open fires to combat. In France the duties were in the way, and also the different ideas of the French people concerning domestic economy. In Germany and other parts of the Continent the people were tied up to their old-fashioned porcelain stoves. The people who used these lived in much cooler houses than we do in America; they had an idea that excessive heat was opposed to physical vigor, and also thought that iron stoves throw off poisonous gases. If it were possible to create a European market for our stoves, foreign makers would soon find a way to obtain American patterns, and could easily hold the trade. Coal, iron and labor—the chief items cutting into the cost of stoves—were all cheap abroad, and altogether the subject seemed surmounted by difficulties on all sides. There was little prospect that Europe would prove an outlet for our over-production. South America and Mexico were much more promising fields.

It was moved that Mr. Sard be requested to prepare a paper upon the subject upon which he had spoken.

Mr. Sard moved the appointment of a committee of three to report upon the subjects considered in the president's address. The Chair named Messrs. Sard, Myers and Thomas as such committee.

Mr. Sheppard said he attributed much of the success in the efforts of his committee with the House Congressional Committee to the effect of letters written by stove men throughout the country. He hoped to have the same cordial support from members of the Association in their efforts with the Senate Committee.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock Thursday.

### The Second Day's Proceedings.

President Jewett called the meeting to order promptly at 11 a. m. on Thursday.

Mr. Grange Sard, Jr., chairman of the committee appointed to consider the president's address, reported as follows:

To the Members of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers—GENTLEMEN: The committee to whom was referred your president's address, notice with great pleasure the cheering news of the state of the stove trade taken therein—the facts that production has been restrained, the quality of the goods improved, our trade placed upon a substantial basis and the prospects of future success being brighter than of late has been the case—and they respectfully submit for your consideration the following resolutions:

1. The thanks of this convention are heartily awarded to S. S. Jewett, Esq., president, for his able address, which should receive the most careful and thoughtful attention of each member of this Association.

2. That while the outlook is more encouraging than it has heretofore seemed, yet the conditions of trade in general necessitate the most cautious procedure on the part of each manufacturer.

3. That it is our opinion there has not been an overproduction of desirable first-class goods, but that the surplus is mainly confined to stoves of inferior grades, which may be forced upon the market and necessarily restrict the sale of goods of a better quality.

4. That the prime cause of the low prices lately obtained is the forced sales made out of season, to which our attention has been called.

5. The members of this Association and business men generally are to be cordially congratulated upon the repeal of the bankruptcy act, which will aid greatly in restoring confidence in commercial circles.

6. This meeting heartily adopts the views of the president on the effect of the "personal contract" of the members of this Association, and they believe that to such contract in a great degree is to be ascribed the improved prospects of their trade, the united action taken on the effort to repeal the bankruptcy law, and especially the improvement in the character of our manufactures.

7. The system of contracting convict labor, as at present existing in several States, is pernicious and demoralizing to the last degree, and we earnestly request the strongest efforts of each member of this Association, both singly and in combination, toward its abolition.

8. That we notice with great joy the fact that the innate modesty and perfect truthfulness of the stove founders of this great and glorious country have at last been so apparent as to merit the approbation of one of its most prominent members, and we hereby pledge ourselves to endeavor to grow in grace in this direction, each seeking the other's welfare and not his own reward, and has no other.

GRANGE SARD,  
R. P. MYERS,  
D. M. THOMAS.

The report was adopted. Mr. Bradley, chairman of the committee appointed to consider Mr. Filley's address on overproduction, reported as follows:

To the National Association of Stove Manufacturers of the United States—GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the paper read by Mr. Filley before the Association yesterday, would respectfully report that they have given the subject therein treated as much consideration as the limited time would admit. We commend the views of Mr. Filley, and trust they will have the careful consideration of all the members of the Association. In the opinion of your committee the capacity to produce stoves and other articles of our manufacture at the present time is greater than the requirements of the country to consume. We recognize the fact, however, that a large number of the foundries have for many months past been running only from half to two-thirds of their capacity. We believe, moreover, that the present foundry capacity for the manufacturing of stoves is sufficient to meet the demands of the country for many years to come. Your com-

mittee are unable at present to see any practical mode of regulating production, other than demand and supply; less liberality in extending credits by the manufacturers, and closer collection of accounts would assist materially in placing our branch of industry upon a more secure and prosperous basis. We are convinced that one of the greatest evils in our whole commercial system is that credit is too cheap. Merchant and manufacturer alike have taken too great risks in placing their goods. With the repeal of the bankrupt law we hope a great personal responsibility will be felt, and mere adventurers in business without capital will be unable to obtain credits and settle at ten or fifteen cents on the dollar, and continue in business to repeat the operation, to the great damage of his neighbor who pays 100 cents on the dollar, and also to the loss of the manufacturer. We believe it would be of advantage to the trade to have a committee appointed to gather and collate statistics as to the capacity of production and the number of stoves sold, say, for five years past, and such other information as the committee might deem advisable, and report upon the same at the next annual meeting. Your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to Mr. Giles F. Filley for presenting to the Association the valuable paper submitted to us.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to gather and have put in convenient form for the use of the Association, such information as they may be able to obtain as to the productive capacity for manufacturing stoves and other articles in our line of trade, and also the number of stoves, heaters and ranges sold by manufacturers each year for the five year last past, together with such other information as they may deem of interest, and to report the same to the next meeting of this Association, and that an appropriation be made from the funds of the Association to pay for clerical service necessary in preparing their report.

A. BRADLEY,  
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, } Committee.  
W. H. TEFFT,

The report was adopted. After further discussion of matters of interest chiefly to members, the Association adjourned to meet in Rochester, N. Y., January 16, 1879.

### Steel as a Material for Car Axles.

The following article was sent to the Committee on Axles of the Master Mechanics' Association in response to their published request for information, but was not received by them until after the convention. It is now presented as supplementary to the committee's report, and is valuable as giving the argument in favor of steel axles:

MIDVALE STEEL WORKS, NINETOWN, PA.  
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In answer to a card published in the *Railway Purchasing Agent*, asking for information concerning steel axles, and signed with your names, we take pleasure in placing before you some of the facts which have come to our notice in this connection, and our views upon the subject of steel as a material for car axles. We would premise by saying that we include under the general term of "steel," the slightly carbonized products of the Bessemer and open-hearth processes, which are sometimes called "homogeneous iron," or "ingot iron," and that in speaking of "iron," we mean masses of that metal welded together, as puddled iron, or blooms from scrap. This distinction points to an essential difference between the two metals, which seems to us to be of especial importance in considering them as materials from which to make axles. Iron made of small masses welded together is never, strictly speaking, homogeneous. There are always more or less imperfect welds, resulting in seams, and a lack of uniformity in the mass. Every seam is a crevice filled with cinder, or oxide of iron, of a different degree of hardness from the iron which surrounds it. In turning up the journal of an axle, or in wear, these seams are exposed, and the journal then becomes more or less a milling tool, cutting the bearings with edges formed at the seams. The cinder, detached from its place, as a grit, has also a cutting action. In case of metal which is poured fluid into a mold, and sets as one mass, the conditions are very different. We are able to regularly produce ingots of mild steel from the open-hearth furnace which, upon being cut in two, show no traces of cinder or blowholes, or anything to interfere with actual homogeneity throughout the mass. These ingots, when hammered into axles, will sometimes show surface seams due to the roughness on the outside of the ingots, which, elongated in the forging, become surface scorings; but when the journals are turned up the surface that is to revolve against the bearings is continuous, and should never wear rough unless cut by grit introduced from without or imperfect bearings. These considerations, perhaps more than greater hardness or greater strength, have determined those railroad companies which have thoroughly tried steel axles to permanently adopt them. I am informed that the actual statistics of wear of axles and boxes warranted the use of steel when the relative prices of this metal and of iron were much more disproportionate than at present.

We would suggest that there is an advantage in having the manufacturer rough-turn the journals and collars of axles before they are shipped. We have done this in case of many thousands of axles, and in cases in which it has been done we have never had an axle returned to us as seamy on the journal, as any seam which failed to turn out condemned the axle before it left the works. The question of strength and hardness should be considered in connection with each other, as toughness is an important factor in the strength of an axle, and toughness is not to be obtained with extreme hardness. We are not prepared to give a decided opinion as to whether a maximum hardness, with sufficient toughness to insure safety, does or does not give the best results in wear. It depends undoubtedly a great deal upon the nature of the bearings; and the question of what relative hardness is

most desirable in two different metals presenting bearing surfaces to each other is one which scientific experts, or men having practical opportunities for testing the matter, must decide. We incline, however, to the belief that an axle should be decidedly harder than ordinary iron. It should certainly be much tougher or less liable to break under shock or torsional strains. Our customers have submitted many hundreds of our axles to tests under falling weights, which, it is safe to say, no iron axles will stand, and we have never had reported to us a case of failure to come up to the specifications, nor do we know of one of our axles having broken in use. The manufacture has been reduced to so much certainty that in testing a 4-inch rod bar under a drop from each heat cast for axles we have gone for months without having to condemn a heat upon the proof, although the hardness of our axle material has been steadily increased. We inclose an account of comparative tests between iron and Midvale steel axles, made before a committee of the Association of Master Mechanics. The difference in the strength and toughness of iron as compared with mild steel is further illustrated by the results obtained in breaking bars in the testing machines. Taking "Lowmoor" iron as representative of the best iron produced, we find a tensile strength equal to 56,220 lbs. per square inch, and a stretch (represented by the elongation under strain of the 4 inch (long) specimen pulled) equal to 26 per cent. Where, as in this instance, and in the case of such mild steels as we use for axles, we find a good tensile strength in connection with a good stretch, we regard the figures expressing the tensile strength as indicating the hardness, and consider the percentage of stretch a measure of toughness. It is to be borne in mind that axles are not commonly made of "Lowmoor" iron, but of how much inferior material can be judged by comparing the price of that article with ordinary iron axles. We will take the above figures, however, as representing the best iron attainable, and say it is required to have a steel which will show an equal stretch. We find that the tensile strength which corresponds rises to over 70,000 lbs. per square inch. In 208 casts of six tons each, tested at these works, the average tensile strength equals 72,800 lbs. per square inch, with an average stretch of 25.3 per cent. This combination of strength and toughness enables a steel bar to withstand repeated shocks, so as to outlast an iron bar of the same size from four to six times, as we are willing at any time to demonstrate under our drop, any person interested furnishing the iron to be compared with our steel. It may be urged that the above experiments do not tally with the experience of some railroad men who have tried steel axles. To this we would say that the uncertainties of making mild crucible steel are very great, and that testing one piece of such steel is not conclusive as regards other pieces melted from the same mixture, but that a test from a heat of open-hearth metal represents the remainder of this cast; and where manufacturers will take the trouble to prove the quality of all their metal before they ship it to consumers, the open-hearth process, as now perfected, enables them to guarantee it with entire certainty. We would say in conclusion that we have recently at these works arrived at the uniform production of a steel for axles which shows a tensile strength of 85,000 pounds per square inch, with 22 per cent. stretch, and which is guaranteed to stand any drop test specified by a railroad company which has come to our notice. This material, having the above physical qualities, and able to stand great abuse under the drop, we believe to be that which, all things considered, is most suitable for axles. Respectfully yours,

CHARLES A. BRINLEY,  
Supt. Midvale Steel Works.

**A Large Gun Casting.**—An enormous tube of cast iron, which is to form part of a breech-loading gun weighing 100 tons, has been recently successfully constructed in the foundry of the Italian government, near Turin. The diameter of the bore of this modern piece of ordnance will be 16 in., the weight of the projectile thrown by it will be 1000 lbs., or very nearly one ton; and the charge will consist of 250 lbs., or about 5 cwt., of powder. The cast-iron part of the gun, which alone weighs more than 60 tons, will be strengthened by rings of steel. The iron used was melted in 11 large furnaces, situated at some distance from one another, and then conveyed into a large receptacle, specially constructed for the purpose near the place where the form was arranged. This latter consisted of a cylinder of cast iron, lined with a thick layer of perfectly dry earth; while the core was formed by a hollow iron cylinder coated with clay, through which a stream of water flowed. Four tubes led from the receptacle in which the molten iron was collected into the form; the one entering this latter near its base, another near the top, and the others at intermediate points. The heating of the furnaces was begun at 3 o'clock in the morning; at 10 the molten iron was conveyed into the great receptacle, an operation which was performed in 35 minutes, and in less than half an hour afterward the casting was completed, not a single hitch or accident of any kind having taken place during the whole work. When finally completed, the gun will be rather more than 30 ft. in length, and the diameter of the breech where it will be strengthened by the steel rings will be about 6 ft.

The choice woods of America might be disposed of in England to a much greater extent than at present if energetic steps were taken to introduce them. Black walnut is seldom if ever seen in furniture or household furnishing. Hickory is imported in the form of carriage spokes and hubs, but the equally desirable ash and second growth of white oak are but little used; in short, the great variety of wooden household articles which are so common in this country, and which are classed under the general head of "woodenware," are but little known in Great Britain, and it is thought that a trade could be advantageously established in these articles.



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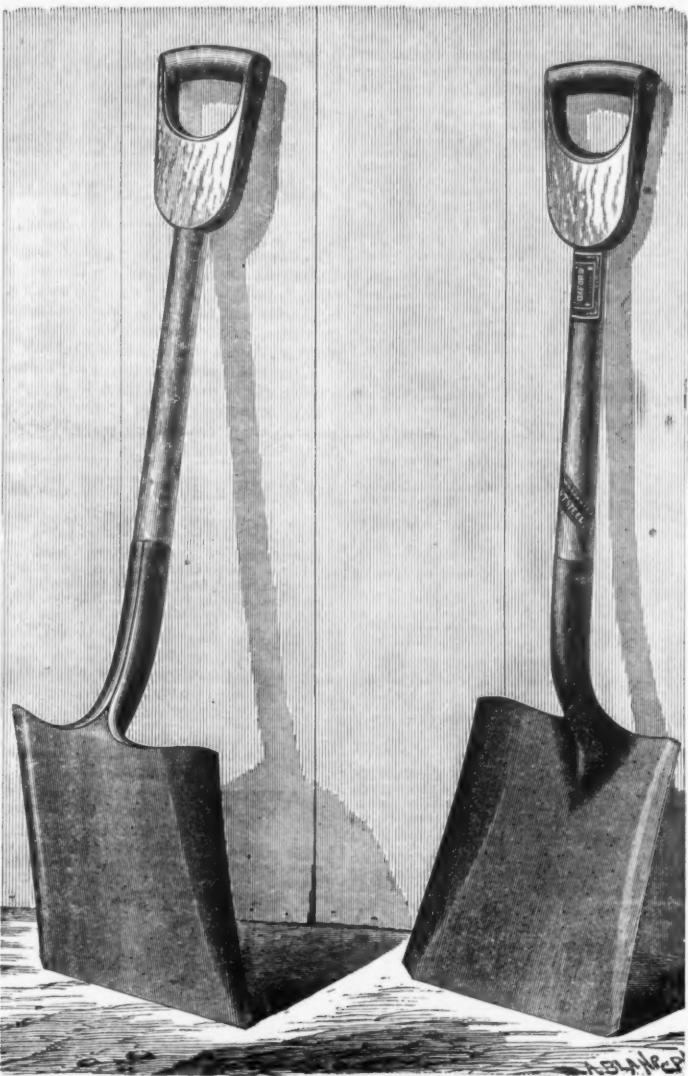
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Scientific and Technical Notes.

In the *Popular Science Monthly* a very  
 interesting article, written by Prof. John  
 Tyndall, gives an account of some

RECENT EXPERIMENTS ON FOG SIGNALS.  
 Starting from the fact that a 5½-inch how-  
 itzer firing 3 pounds of powder will yield a  
 louder report than a long 18-pounder with  
 the same charge, a series of experiments  
 were made with guns provided with muzzles  
 of various kinds, which proved the efficiency  
 of a parabolic muzzle. Finding that fine-  
 grain powder produced a sound of more in-  
 tensity than pebble powder, it was argued  
 that with the rapidity of combustion the  
 loudness of the report would grow. The  
 substitution of gun-cotton for powder proved  
 this to be correct. Then a howitzer was  
 pitted against gun cotton detonated in the  
 focus of a cast-iron reflector, and in free air,  
 which demonstrated the superiority of the  
 gun cotton parabolic muzzle gun. As re-  
 gards the comparative merits of gun cotton  
 fired in the open air and detonated in the  
 gun, it was found that for certain cases  
 when the sound was to be transmitted in all  
 directions, the former practice was prefer-  
 able. Practical difficulties connected with  
 the introduction of these methods led to the  
 introduction of the gun cotton rocket. A  
 disk of gun cotton is placed in the head of a  
 rocket and is ignited at a height of about  
 100 feet by means of a fuse. This was  
 proved by a long series of experiments to be  
 the most valuable means of signaling at long  
 distances which it has as yet been possible  
 to devise, as it combines great effectiveness  
 with easy and rapid manipulation, and at  
 the same time permits extemporizing a fog  
 signal station at any point upon the coast  
 where its establishment might be desirable.

Mr. Conrad W. Cooke has recently de-  
 signed a

TELEPHONIC ALARM  
 for attracting attention at distant stations  
 of a telephonic circuit, based upon the fact  
 that when a voltaic current is either made  
 or broken a click is heard in a telephone.  
 The instrument consists of a brass wheel  
 centered to an upright bracket attached to  
 a stand, capable of being rotated. Against  
 the edge of this wheel, which is milled, a  
 light metallic spring presses, so that when  
 the wheel is turned a vibratory current is  
 produced, both the spring and wheel being  
 included in the circuit of a battery and tele-  
 phone. In order to prevent the battery ever  
 being left by mistake in connection with the  
 telephone line, the instrument is provided  
 with an ordinary electric bell push or trans-  
 mitting key, the connections of which are so  
 arranged that the battery and wheel are cut  
 out of the circuit unless the button is pressed,  
 as in the act of ringing an electric bell. In  
 order to call attention at a distant station,  
 all that is necessary, therefore, is to press  
 down the button with the left hand and give  
 a turn to the wheel with the right. The ad-  
 vantage of this instrument is that it dis-  
 penses with the use of a signal bell or any  
 special signaling wire, the telephone itself  
 being made the sounding apparatus.

At the last meeting of the North Stafford-  
 shire Mining Institute, at Stoke-on-Trent,  
 Mr. J. Williamson introduced

A NEW SAFETY LAMP,  
 which combines the advantages of the  
 Stephenson and the Clanny lamps. It  
 affords a light superior to that of the Clanny  
 lamp, and is not so easily extinguished when  
 exposed to air traveling at high velocity,  
 while, if plunged into a body of gas, it is  
 extinguished before sufficient heat is gener-  
 ated to harm the lamp. It contains two  
 glass cylinders, one external and similar to  
 the Clanny, and the other internal and  
 similar to the Stephenson. The gauze is  
 similar to the Clanny, but without the cap.  
 The internal glass is capped with a per-  
 forated copper or gauze cap, and is similar  
 to the Stephenson. The air is admitted  
 through a perforated portion of the bottom  
 part of the lamp, and the inner ring is  
 arranged to carry the two glasses, and  
 when screwed up, the lamp being in working  
 order, the cap of the inner glass is pressed  
 gently against the top of the gauze. The  
 air is made to pass through the bottom part  
 of the lamp, and through the gauze fixed on  
 the periphery of the inner ring, and into the  
 flame.

Mr. John Eckart, of Munich, claims to  
 have discovered a method for the

PRESERVATION OF FISH  
 in a fresh state by salicylic acid. His plan  
 of procedure consists in impregnating fish by  
 means of hydraulic pressure with a weak solu-  
 tion of salicylic acid, packing them in casks  
 or cases, and pouring gelatine over them. The  
 latter serves to prevent their becoming stiff  
 and dry. Prepared and packed in the above  
 manner they may, it is said, remain from  
 10 to 15 days, and even longer, en route  
 without detriment to their flavor or appear-  
 ance; and Mr. Roosen, of Hamburg, who is  
 turning this new system of preservation to  
 practical account has received the most  
 satisfactory reports respecting his consign-  
 ments of fresh and salt water fish to dis-  
 tant countries. Trout caught near Munich,  
 and treated according to Mr. Eckart's plan,  
 arrived, it appears, at Bergen in Norway  
 and in New York in a perfectly fresh state.

A recent number of *La Nature* contains  
 drawings and a description of

LAURENT'S NEW SACCHAROMETER.  
 The light from a fixed monochromatic  
 yellow flame is passed through a diaphragm  
 containing a plate of bi-chromate of potash,  
 which absorbs the violet and blue rays.  
 The yellow rays which pass it fall on a bi-  
 refracting prism which turns on the longi-  
 tudinal axis of the instrument, and in which  
 the second image is diverged to one side  
 and intercepted by diaphragms. One of  
 these carries a thin plate of quartz parallel  
 to the axis, which covers only one-half of  
 the diaphragm. Its thickness is one-half  
 wave for the yellow rays. Between this  
 diaphragm and a second one the testing tube  
 containing the sugar solution to be tested is  
 placed. In front of the second diaphragm  
 is the Nicol analyzer, an objective and a  
 concave eye-piece. The latter three parts  
 inclosed in a tube revolve, the angle through  
 which they move being indicated on an  
 alidade.

Schutzenberger has recently called the at-  
 tention of the Academy of Sciences to an

ALLOTROPIC MODIFICATION OF COPPER.

The following are the conditions under  
 which it is produced: A solution of 10 per  
 cent. of acetate of copper previously boiled  
 to expel a little acid and render the bath  
 basic is submitted to electrolytic decompo-  
 sition. The electrodes must be about 1.2 to  
 1.6 inches apart, the negative platinum pole  
 being made somewhat smaller than the posi-  
 tive copper pole, both being parallel plates.  
 The flat surface of the negative pole facing  
 the copper pole will then be covered by a  
 beautiful deposit of allotropic copper, while  
 at the opposite surface a much finer deposit  
 of ordinary copper will be found. The fol-  
 lowing physical properties distinguish the  
 metal thus obtained: Its color is less red,  
 approaching that of certain bronzes, while  
 its density, as determined by a rough trial,  
 is nearer 8 than 8.9, that of ordinary copper.  
 Among its chemical characteristics are that  
 instead of evolving bi-oxide of nitrogen  
 when treated with nitric acid, protoxide of  
 nitrogen is formed, a blackish green layer  
 of unknown composition being deposited.  
 Mr. Schutzenberger has satisfied himself  
 that these special properties cannot be at-  
 tributed to a hydrogen compound of copper,  
 nor to hydrogen mechanically inclosed.  
 They can only be accounted for by assuming  
 the existence of an allotropic state of the  
 metal.

Mr. R. J. Nunn calls the attention of elec-  
 tricians to the use of

ANTIMONY AS A NEGATIVE ELEMENT  
 to replace carbon in some galvanic batteries  
 where sulphuric acid is used as the exciting  
 fluid. He mentions among its advantages  
 its cheapness, the absence of scaling and dis-  
 integration, and the fact that galvanization  
 begins almost immediately on immersion.  
 He overcame the brittleness of the proposed  
 substitute by casting it on a core of copper.

THE COMPOSITION OF TULA SILVER,  
 which was long kept a secret, has been dis-  
 covered at last. It consists of nine parts  
 of silver, one part of lead, and one part of  
 bismuth. The metals, in the proportions  
 stated, are melted together. The addition  
 of sulphur gives the beautiful steel-blue tint  
 for which it is so highly prized.  
 A new and valuable method of

FASTENING TIRES,  
 invented by Mr. Kaselowsky, a German en-  
 gineer, has successfully stood the test of  
 a series of experiments. A dove-tailed groove  
 is turned in the inner face of the tire, and  
 a similar one in the outside of the skeleton, so  
 that, when the tire is slipped on, the two  
 come opposite to each other and form a chan-  
 nel of dovetail shaped section going all round  
 the wheel. Into this channel is run some  
 easily fusible metal (by preference pure  
 zinc), which, on cooling, makes a firm con-  
 nection between the tire and wheel. In car-  
 rying out the operation the tire is only  
 slightly heated, a shrinkage of 1-1200 being  
 found ample, and is then brought over the  
 skeleton, which is laid in a horizontal posi-  
 tion, and forced upon it. The zinc is then  
 immediately run in through holes cast in the  
 skeleton, if of cast metal, or drilled in other  
 cases; thus the zinc is at once prevented  
 from cooling while being run in, and is  
 compressed, and thus rendered much  
 stronger, by the subsequent contraction of  
 the tire. That this mode of fastening, in  
 addition to its simplicity and cheapness,  
 offers full security, both against sideways  
 shifting and in case of breakage of the tire,  
 has been proved by experiments made in the  
 central workshops at Frankfurt.

E. Schrabetz has supplied a long-felt want  
 by his invention of a simple

MACHINE FOR BENDING RAILS,  
 which has proved to be very effective in  
 numerous cases. Six rails are laid on a  
 platform alongside each other, the first of  
 the six being the one to be bent, while the  
 five others serve as a fulcrum or foundation  
 for the work. First, both ends of all the  
 rails are fastened together by a U-shaped  
 clip, which passes over the outside of the  
 sixth rail, and has a lug cast on its inner  
 edge which fits into the bolt hole of the rail  
 and thus prevents its slipping. The two  
 branches of the U are then screwed together  
 behind the first rail by a bolt. The ends of  
 all the rails being thus rigidly connected,  
 lateral slipping is avoided by a number of  
 small chocks which fit into the flanges of  
 the rails and are placed between them, each  
 chock having an eye through which a bar  
 can be passed for convenience of inserting  
 or extracting it. At a distance of about  
 3 feet from either end a small machine,  
 resembling and constructed on the same  
 principle as a bottle-jack, is then inserted  
 horizontally between the fifth rail and the  
 one to be bent. It is clear that when the  
 bottle-jacks are turned by a forged hooked  
 lever, specially made for the purpose, their  
 heads will force the outer rail out, and  
 as its ends are secured they will bend it to  
 a curve.

F. Lenet describes a new  
 PUDDLING FURNACE,  
 now building at Clos-Mortier, Saint-Dizier,  
 France. He passes the air for the combus-  
 tion of the fuel through channels below the  
 hearth and along the sides of the furnace,  
 whereby it attains a temperature of 800° F.,  
 sufficient to melt zinc in a few minutes. This  
 hot air is led below the grate, where it con-  
 tributes to increase the intensity of the  
 combustion. In order to cool the grate-bars  
 and aid in transferring the heat to the hearth  
 of the furnace proper, superheated steam  
 is also passed below the grate. An economy  
 of fuel cannot be reached by the dissociation  
 of the steam.

Several years ago a party of enterprising  
 explorers discovered among the hills in  
 North Wales, which at some period had been  
 the bed of a lake, a very peculiar deposit of  
 silica that had been thoroughly calcined by  
 some volcanic agency and then precipitated.  
 There are two well defined strata of this  
 silica, the upper one being the finer. This  
 silica has been analyzed by several chemists  
 including Prof. Flageolet, who gives the  
 following results:

Silica.....	79
Water.....	13
Oxide of Iron.....	3
Alumina.....	4
Magnesia.....	1

Total..... 100  
 Mr. Thomas A. Griffiths of Liverpool con-  
 ceived the idea of using this silica as a base-



for the manufacture of paint, as it possesses the fine, impalpable consistence so much desired in any intended for incorporation with paint, and his experiments demonstrated the great advantage it possessed over paints having a white lead basis. After suitable preparation the silica is incorporated with oil and coloring matter, making what is known as

SILICATE PAINT.

This paint is said to be an excellent preservative of iron and metal surfaces, and is especially recommended for iron bridges and boilers, ships, lighthouses, girders and fronts. Paints with metallic bases are often found to be powerful corrosives of metals. Sometimes the corrosion is caused by chemicals used in the preparation of the oils. In the case of lead paints it results from the lead itself. Zinc as a base acts with the oils in destroying the coating so far as to give full play to atmospheric agencies. Wood suffers whenever humidity can reach it, and requires for its preservation a coating thoroughly sound and impermeable. The claim made for silicate paint is that it has no chemical action upon metal, and, owing to its peculiar qualities, prevents corrosion and does not discolor or become dingy like other paints, owing to their faulty composition, gases, heat and the moisture absorbed holding the dust. As compared with white lead the first cost of the silicate paint is somewhat greater, but it is said to be cheaper per square foot of painted surface. It is non-poisonous, permanent in color, of good body, damp proof, and suitable for interior decoration or the most exposed out-door wear. It has been six or seven years in use in England and elsewhere, and has been introduced into this country by Howard Fleming, of 10 Pine street, N. Y. A variety of this paint termed enamel is found exceedingly useful for ships used in the salt-carrying trade. Formerly these vessels were cemented internally, in order that the damp salt might exert no prejudicial influence on their plates. It has since been found that a coating of enamel is quite as efficacious. Dilute acids have no effect on these compositions, and although hot caustic alkalis can be made to affect them; this is treatment which is seldom likely to be applied. The chief inspector of mines of Victoria, New South Wales, in a report to the Minister of Mines says: "The best means of preserving the wire rope from the corrosive action of the mineral waters is painting the ropes with silicate paint." This protective quality adapts these paints to all hydraulic machinery, and so well will they stand friction and so smooth is their surface that Mr. Frank E. Houghton of the Engineers' Department, Metropolitan Board of Works, says: "I use your silicate enamel paint for covering the bright wrought-iron pump rods and such like ironwork in the engine house, which is affected seriously by the gases and acids emanating from the sewage pumped, discoloring and spoiling white lead paints in a few weeks." For the metal tubing now being used for the casing of shafts to a considerable depth, and indeed for ironwork in all situations, this paint provides a handsome coating that is very desirable.

From the English patent of Mr. Thomas W. Webb, it appears that

IRIDESCENT GLASS

is produced by the action of volatilized chloride of tin upon the surface of the glass. To give greater depth to the color or tints, nitrate of barium and strontium is used in small proportions. By this patent the glass is not reheated, but the iridescent is produced during the manipulation of the article when in the hands of the blower, and while on the punty.

M. Reznier has communicated to the French Academy of Sciences a description of

A NEW ELECTRIC LAMP,

drawing its light from incandescent poles and acting in free air. A thin rod of carbon, pressed laterally by an elastic contact and pushed in the direction of its axis against a fixed contact, becomes incandescent and burns when traversed by a pretty strong current. As the end of the rod is consumed the pressure urges it forward through the elastic slides to the point of fixed contact, where the combustion takes place.

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Boisbaudran has ascertained the

EQUIVALENT OF GALLIUM

both by calcining gallo-ammoniacal alum and by calcining nitrate of gallium produced from a known weight of the new element. The results of his researches fluctuate between the extremes of 69.66 and 69.97, the average being 69.82.

Some experiments made by Dr. Heintzel on the

INFLUENCE OF LIGHT UPON CEMENT

were recently published in Dingler's Polytechnic Journal. Dr. Heintzel divided a quantity of cement into three parcels, exposing parcel A to the air and full light, B to the air and diffused light and excluding C in darkness from the air. After six months he found that A made a weak mortar by absorbing 38 per cent. of its weight in water and that it had a tendency to crumble; B, with 33 1/2 per cent. of water, made a mortar which was too adhesive to the trowel, and it yielded up none of its water; C, with 33 1/2 per cent. of water, made an excellent mortar, easily stirred and flowing, and it relinquished some of its water. After setting for 28 days the relative strength was: A, 3; B, 37.9; C, 44.6.

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The above summary of the contents of the July number of The Metallurgical Review shows that its contributions are varied in character and of immediate practical importance.

Phosphorus determinations, the value of which is being daily more universally recognized, are by no means uniformly excellent or reliable, so that faith in their results becomes complete only when they are indorsed by the name of some prominent chemist. The reason for this uncertainty and lack of confidence is, to a certain extent, due to the circumstance that the methods employed are very numerous and demand high skill and conscientious work. The fact that these methods are by no means perfect has induced a large number of chemists to make individual researches, the fruits of a series of which are presented to the metallurgical professions by Messrs. Alfred E. Hunt, S. B., and Samuel Peters, whose work and the results to which it has led deserve careful investigation.

The third installment of Alex. L. Holley's valuable paper on the "Terrenore Process of Making Steel" lucidly and simply states the chemical theory of the process, and gives some valuable practical data about molds, annealing and the uses of solid steel castings. The subject of the paper has attracted a large share of the attention of metallurgists recently, and it bids fair to be one of the revolutionary progressive movements marking the beginning of a new departure in the application of steel to many engineering purposes.

Professor T. Egleston, in the third and last installment of his paper on "Copper Dressing in Lake Superior," continues his accurate description of the construction, the work and the capacity of the dressing apparatus used in that region, which are in many respects unique.

Professor Anton Von Kerpeley's description of the occurrence of liquid cyanides in a Hungarian blast furnace was translated for The Metallurgical Review from a manuscript copy of the proceedings of the Academy of Sciences, before which it was read. Although cyanides have been observed, even in large quantities, repeatedly, their nature has never been so carefully examined, nor were the conditions connected with their appearance so minutely noted as in this case. These are facts which give the paper great importance, as it is only by a thorough research of all phenomena connected with the blast furnace that its working can be clearly understood and corrective measures be taken accordingly.

Cleaning and sorting machinery, drums, screens &c., form the topics of this month's installment of E. F. Altham's paper on coal and ore dressing—the most detailed and, theoretically as well as practically, exhaustive treatise on the subject as yet offered to English-speaking metallurgists. The growing interest attached to lixiviation processes for the extraction of copper will render the second portion of the detailed chemical examination of the English chlorination process welcome to our readers.

Some novel principles are advanced by Mr. F. C. G. Mueller on the chemical reactions of the Bessemer process, which, together with a number of smaller notes, conclude July's issue of The Metallurgical Review.



# Trade Report.

Office of The Iron Age.  
TUESDAY EVENING, July 3, 1878.

The week in Wall street has been dull and uneventful, the financial markets reflecting to some extent the dullness in other departments of business. With July we enter upon the duller month of the year. No activity is expected, and a large number of our business men have gone or are going abroad, while those who remain at home are more intent upon keeping cool than upon securing trade. It is to be hoped that this midsummer holiday will usher in a more general and profitable activity, and that with the return of cooler weather there will be an incentive to energy and enterprise now lacking.

The local money market is very easy. Borrowers on call are supplied at 1 @ 2 1/2 %, according to collaterals. Mercantile paper is quoted at 3 @ 4 %. These low rates are causing the investment of large amounts of surplus capital in United States bonds, a movement in which the banks are leading.

The gold market is without feature, the premium averaging 100 3/4 %.

The government bond market is strong, with an active demand, chiefly for 6s of 1881, 5-20s of 1867, 5s of 1881 and 4 1/2 % per cents.

The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement issued July 1st:

**DEBT BEARING INTEREST IN COIN.**  
Bonds at 6 per cent. \$738,619,000.00  
Bonds at 5 per cent. 703,266,650.00  
Bonds at 4 1/2 % per cent. 240,000,000.00  
Bonds at 4 per cent. 98,850,000.00

**DEBT BEARING INTEREST IN LAWFUL MONEY.**  
Navy Pension Fund, at 3 per cent. \$14,000,000.00  
Interest 210,000.00  
**DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.**

Principal \$5,594,560.26  
Interest 326,947.32

**DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.**  
Old demand and legal-tender notes \$346,743,313.50  
Certificates of deposit 46,755,000.00  
Fractional currency 26,547,768.77  
Coin and silver certificates 45,849,600.00

**TOTAL DEBT.**  
Principal \$2,356,205,892.53  
Interest 346,454.37  
**Total \$2,356,552,346.90**

**CASH IN THE TREASURY.**  
June 29. May 31.  
Coin \$197,415,132.99 \$189,708,021.10  
Currency 2,653,479.09 3,094,748.47

Currency held for redemption of fractional currency 10,000,000.00 10,000,000.00  
Special deposit held for the redemption of certificates of deposit, as provided by law 46,755,000.00 35,705,000.00

**Total \$256,823,612.08 \$238,507,769.57**

**DEBT LESS CASH IN THE TREASURY.**  
June 1, 1878. \$2,033,637,450.64  
July 1, 1878. \$2,035,786,831.82

Increase of debt during the month. \$2,149,381.18  
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1877. 1,938,705.36

**BONDS ISSUED TO PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANIES, INTEREST PAYABLE IN LAWFUL MONEY.**

Principal outstanding \$64,623,512.00  
Interest accrued and not yet paid 1,938,705.36  
Interest paid by United States 37,896,334.50  
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, &c. 9,881,444.25  
Balance of interest paid by United States 28,014,890.25

We give below the closing quotations of governments.

The stock market shows signs of increasing strength, with a slight advance in prices. The principal dealings have been in Lake Shore, D. L. & W., Northwestern, St. Paul, New Jersey Central, Western Union and Michigan. We give below the closing quotations of active shares.

The weekly statement of the New York banks was favorable for continued ease in the money market. The gain in surplus reserve was \$2,626,225. With the July interest on the public debt coming out, the specie part of the reserve ought to be largely augmented within the next three weeks. Legal tender notes will not be wanted, and the amount in the banks ought not to be diminished until the movement of crops in the autumn. The following is a comparison of the bank figures for the last two weeks:

**Imports.**  
For week ended June 29:  
1876. 1877. 1878.  
Total for week. \$1,486,548 \$8,220,740 \$3,977,512  
Prev. reported. 153,498,947 169,994,647 139,396,588

Since Jan. 1. \$156,985,495 \$171,185,387 \$143,347,100

Included in the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

**Quantity. Value.**  
Anvils 203 \$1,060  
Brass goods 6 666  
Bronzes 1 405  
Chains and anchors 4 136  
Copper 2,989 15,345  
Cutlery 15 4,071  
Guns 15 4,071  
Iron, other, tons 1,020 42,045  
Metal goods 64 10,099  
Needles 13 6,124  
Nickel 1 274  
Old metal 2 262  
Platina 1 771  
Saddlery 1 17,384  
Steel 17,384 108,845  
Tin, bxs. 322 322  
Tin, 374 slabs 35,492  
Wire 1 2,970  
Zinc 1 287

**EXPORTS OF SPECIE.**  
Total since Jan. 1, 1878. \$8,579,482  
Same time in 1877. 19,561,172  
Same time in 1876. 30,117,152  
Same time in 1875. 33,944,686

Same time in 1874. 28,210,599  
Same time in 1873. 27,372,720  
Same time in 1872. 36,637,644

Government bonds close as follows:

Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6s	120 3/4
U. S. 6s 1881 registered	107 1/2
U. S. 6s 1881 coupon	107 1/2
U. S. 6s 1865 new reg.	102 1/2
U. S. 6s 1865 cou.	102 1/2
U. S. 6s 1867 reg.	105 1/2
U. S. 6s 1867 cou.	105 1/2
U. S. 6s 1868 reg.	108 1/2
U. S. 6s 1868 cou.	108 1/2
U. S. 10-40 reg.	109 1/2
U. S. 10-40 coupon	109 1/2
U. S. 4s 1881 registered	107 1/2
U. S. 4s 1881 coupon	107 1/2
U. S. 4 1/2s 1881 registered	104 1/2
U. S. 4 1/2s 1881 coupon	104 1/2
U. S. 4s 1897 registered	100 1/2
U. S. 4s 1897 coupon	100 1/2
Central Pacific Gold Bond	105 1/2

The following were the closing quotations of active shares:

Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph	25 1/2	28
Chicago and Northwest	48 1/2	49
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	75 1/2	75 1/2
Chicago, Bur. and Quincy	106 1/2	107
Col., Chicago and Ind. Central	3 1/4	4
Clev., Col. and Ind.	26 1/2	26 1/2
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	79 1/2	80
Chicago and Alton	77 1/2	77 1/2
Canton	16	16 1/2
Delaware, Lack. and Western	59 1/2	59 1/2
Delaware and Hudson Canal	57 1/2	57 1/2
Express-Adams	30 1/2	30 1/2
" American	47 1/2	47 1/2
" United States	47 1/2	47 1/2
" Wells, Fargo & Co.	93 1/2	95
Erle	13 1/2	14
Harlem	26 1/2	26 1/2
Hannibal and St. Joseph	11 1/2	12
Illinois Central	84 1/2	85 1/2
Lake Shore	88 1/2	88 1/2
Michigan Central	84 1/2	84 1/2
Morris and Essex	84 1/2	84 1/2
Milwaukee and St. Paul	59 1/2	59 1/2
New York Central	108 1/2	108 1/2
New Jersey Central	38 1/2	38 1/2
New Jersey Southern	7 1/2	7 1/2
Ohio and Mississippi	7 1/2	7 1/2
Pacific Mail	17 1/2	17 1/2
Panama	12 1/2	12 1/2
Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne	94	95
Quicksilver	13 1/2	13 1/2
St. L. and Iron Mountain	31	32
St. Louis Kansas City Northern	4 1/2	4 1/2
Union Pacific	64 1/2	65 1/2
Western Union Telegraph	87 1/2	87 1/2

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

There is little if any difference in the conditions of the trade since our last writing. The many friends of Samuel Disston, of Henry Disston & Sons, will be pleased to hear of his safe arrival in Philadelphia from his European tour on Sunday last. A large company of friends, including Mr. Hamilton Disston and Sheriff Wright, proceeded down the river in a tug and met the Ohio, the vessel in which he returned. They were taken on board, and on the way into port were served with a banquet, at which several speeches were made, welcoming the voyager home and complimenting Capt. Morrison, the commander of the vessel, for his uniform courtesies.

The Gaylord Mfg. Co. have issued a supplement to their 1875 Illustrated Catalogue of Cabinet Locks, showing additions to their line of Secure Lever Chest Locks, in both iron and brass.

The Brass and Tubing manufacturers have issued, under date of 1st instant, a reduced price list for Sheet Brass, Tubing, &c., which we omit here, as the revised prices will be found in our price current, on page 35. They have also issued the following circulars, showing their terms and discounts:

**Terms and Discounts for Brass Manufacturers' Price List, No. 19, Adopted July 1, 1878.**

Discount 10 per cent. from list prices, Terms, cash within 30 days. If not paid within 30 days, interest to be added. The prices quoted for Brass and Gilding Scrap in list are net.

**Terms and Discounts for Tubing Manufacturers' Price List, No. 4, Adopted July 1, 1878.**

Tubing list No. 4, 10 per cent. discount. Terms, cash within 30 days. If not paid within 30 days, interest to be added.

The American Copper Rivet Association have issued a circular under date of 1st inst., in which they quote Rivets and Burs discount 25 per cent., instead of 10 per cent. as formerly. The list for Rivets and Burs is unchanged.

The manufacturers of Bright Wire goods held a meeting during the week, at which their prices for the coming season were fixed at discount 70 per cent., and an extra discount of 10 per cent. for cash in 30 days.

The demand for Nails is light and prices are unchanged. We quote rod, \$2.30, net, but for large orders a concession from this figure could be obtained.

H. Burden & Sons have issued a circular under date of 1st inst., in which they quote Horse Shoes, f. o. b. at Troy, N. Y., 3 1/2 cents per pound, and Mule Shoes, 4 1/2 cents per pound, cash. We quote these goods from store here, \$3.62 1/2 per keg for Horse Shoes and \$4.62 1/2 for Mule Shoes.

The Rhode Island Horse Shoe Company have not changed their prices, and their agents here, Horace Durrie & Co., quote their goods from store at the following prices: Perkins Improved Horse Shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.37 1/2 per keg; Mule Shoes, \$4.37 1/2 per keg; Perkins' Saw Shoes, \$4.87 1/2 per keg. If ordered f. o. b. at works the price is 12 1/2 cents less per keg.

Clark & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., have reduced the price of their Blind Hinges, as will be seen from the following circular:

**BUFFALO, July 1, 1878.**

From this date and until further notice the prices of our Blind Hinges will be as follows:

**No. Price list. Per doz. sets.**

1. For wood, throws the Blind 1 1/4 in. from the casing. \$3.50

2. For brick, throws the Blind 3 1/4 in. from the casing. 5-25

3. For brick, throws the Blind 4 1/4 in. from the casing. 10-00

4. For wood, throws the Blind 1 1/4 in. from the casing. 3-50

5. For brick, throws the Blind 3 1/4 in. from the casing. 5-25  
Discount, 70 and 10 per cent.

CLARK & CO.

In our issue of the 5th ult. we mentioned that Coulter, Flagler & Co. had made arrangements to deliver the Eagle Square Co.'s goods on factory account. We had no intention of conveying the idea that the goods were to be delivered free of freight charges, but from the following letter it seems that our phraseology was not sufficiently plain.

OFFICE OF THE HART, BLIVEN & MEAD MFG. CO.,  
107 Chambers and 51 Reade Streets,  
NEW YORK, June 27, 1878.

To the Editor of the Iron Age—DEAR SIR:

In a recent issue you called the attention of your subscribers to a change by which C. F. & Co. "have made arrangements to deliver the Eagle Square Co.'s goods on factory account."

It is claimed by Western jobbers that this means deliver free of freight, and although we think such construction is wrong, we are interested in having the doubt removed.

Truly yours,  
THE HART, BLIVEN & MEAD MFG. CO.,  
CHAS. BLIVEN, President.

We have received from the Nicholson File Company, Providence, R. I., a copy of a very elegant work published by them entitled, "A Treatise on Files and Rasps, descriptive and illustrated, for the use of Master Mechanics, Dealers, &c." This is one of the most elegant publications of the kind we have ever seen. Its mechanical execution is beautiful in every detail. The illustrations are in the highest style of their branches of art—steel plates, wood-cuts and lithographs; the letter press is open and clean, the paper superior, and the printing all that could be desired. The book opens with a steel frontispiece, showing the works of the Nicholson File Co., which is a very excellent specimen of line engraving. The preface, by Mr. W. T. Nicholson, sets forth the object of the work. We quote as follows:

"For several years it has been in contemplation to publish a treatise upon the several points connected with Files and their uses, in which the principal, but nevertheless complex and confusing, names and terms embodied in what are known as the Sheffield, Lancashire and American File Lists, might be more clearly defined, and if possible made practically intelligible, not only to the educated dealer and mechanic, but to others having less knowledge of the subject, as apprentices in machine-shops and younger clerks employed by merchants dealing in Files and Rasps. After giving the subject careful consideration as to the most desirable form in which to embody this matter impartially, and at the same time be able to set forth the special points of merit claimed for the goods made by the Nicholson File Company, it was decided to devote so much of the work as seemed necessary to defining clearly and concisely the general features belonging to all Files, and to follow this with a detailed description of the distinguishing characteristics of the Files and Rasps commonly called for, giving some of the purposes for which the various kinds are used."

This purpose has been faithfully carried out. The information is certainly given impartially, and with no apparent desire to urge the claims of the company's own goods to an extent which would in the least detract from the value of the work as a treatise on Files and Rasps in general.

The contents are divided as follows: A general description of Files and Rasps containing much useful information; a detailed description noting the peculiarities of each style and shape, illustrated with wood-cuts and plates, and constituting an encyclopedia of information concerning all shapes and sizes of Files known; a brief account of the company's specialties fully illustrated and described; a description of the processes employed in File manufacture, from the steel ingot to the finished article; a chapter of much interest entitled "Hints on Filing," which is full of useful and practical suggestions about the use and care of Files and Rasps, and their special adaptation to special uses. There is also a complete and well-arranged index, a glossary of terms and definitions used in connection with Files and their manufacture, and list of Files seldom used, with descriptions of such as are likely to be unknown to the trade. The work contains about 86 quarto pages, and is neatly and substantially bound in cloth. It is a valuable and necessary addition to the limited literature of Hardware, and is a credit to the enterprise and taste of the Nicholson File Company.

The Nicholson File Company have also issued an illustrated catalogue and price list of the Files and Rasps in general use, besides a great many specialties of their manufacture. No change has been made in the discount, which is same as last season, viz., 35 per cent.

Bissell & Welles will sell at their new rooms, No. 83 Chambers st. (about July 24), a large line of table cutlery, some 5,000 to 6,000 gross in all. The sale will be without reserve, and is made by order of the Cutlery Association. The goods include the manufacture of the J. Russell Cutlery Company, Landers, Frary & Clark, Meriden Cutlery Co., Lamson & Goodnow Manufacturing Company, Beaver Falls Cutlery Company, and American Cutlery Company. All the goods offered have been manufactured since the last sale, and comprise only styles which have been standard during the year.

The following circular explains itself:

TO DEALERS IN SILVER-PLATED HOLLOWWARE.

GENTLEMEN: During the past five years

of general business depression, a lessened demand and undiminished supply have produced a competition among the manufacturers of Silver-Plated Hollowware so excessive as to lead to a state of affairs which is alike disastrous to the manufacturers and demoralizing to the trade in these goods.

The undersigned manufacturers, therefore, feel that in order to receive a fair return for their capital, skill and labor, and eradicate many serious evils that have crept into the business, some sort of concerted action is imperatively necessary, and have agreed to the following terms of sale and discounts, which are to take effect from this date.

The discount on Silver-Plated Hollowware to be 40 per cent., four months' note, for approved credit, or a cash discount of 5 per cent. if the same is paid within 30 days from the average date of invoices. In all cases interest is to be charged after four months.

To purchasers of Hollowware to the amount of \$500 net in a season, a rebate of 5 per cent. shall be allowed; of \$1000 net in a season, a rebate of 10 per cent. shall be allowed. The rebates are payable at the expiration of each season of six months, viz., January 1 and July 1.

The trade are also hereby notified that from and after this date goods will not be consigned or left on sale, and no goods will be exchanged or taken back.

We are confident that the evil of auction sales will be effectually remedied by this course, as the custom heretofore existing in these respects has forced the manufacturers to find an outlet through the auction room for returned goods, thus causing injury to the legitimate dealer, who in one sense justly complains of the same, while at the same time forgetting that the evil has been fostered by the pernicious custom of sending back shop-worn stock.

The above agreement will be strictly adhered to by all the manufacturers undersigned, who trust and expect that the same will prove to the mutual advantage of all who manufacture or deal in these goods.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) MERIDEN BRITANNIA CO.; MIDDLE-TOWN PLATE CO.; SIMPSON, HALL, MILLER & CO.; ROGERS & BROTHER; HALL, ELTON & CO.; REED & BARTON; WILCOX SILVER PLATE CO.; ROGERS, SMITH & CO.; MERIDEN SILVER PLATE CO.; DERBY SILVER CO.—Dated, June 26, 1878.

We have received the following letter on the subject of Screws at auction:

June 25, 1878.

To the Editor of The Iron Age: In your issue of the 20th inst. you quote the American Screw Company as assigning the reason why they have not already held a sale of Screws at auction was because they found "evidence of considerable stocks in dealers' hands." This, with an overstock in their own hands, means overproduction. Such being the fact, in my opinion a sale at auction would tend to aggravate and not to remedy the present dilemma. Let the Screw companies agree to cut down the products in exact proportion to their capacity to produce, and to an extent that the demand shall equal the supply; this will at once restore confidence in the price and enable the manufacturer, the jobber and the retailer, to realize a fair profit.

The American Screw Company quote success in sales of coal at auction as an argument in favor of their proposition. The case is not parallel. Dealers in coal sell only coal, while Screws are but a moiety in a stock of Hardware. Any dealer in coal can afford to visit New York to attend a sale, while not over one per cent. of dealers in Hardware (outside of New York) would be present at a sale of Screws. Overproduction is the cause of the present trouble, for which there is one remedy only, and that is to make less Screws; but if the manufacturers persist in making two gross where but one is consumed, the result will be the wreck of their capital and for the good of nobody.

A CASH BUYER.

## IRON.

There is little or nothing going on in the iron market, and on every side complaints of dullness are heard. The only sale we hear of is 500 tons No. 1 of a Lehigh brand, at \$16.50 delivered at Amboy. As we have previously mentioned, some of the Lehigh companies refuse flatly to meet the low figures at which Iron is being offered, and in consequence they are accumulating stock. We continue our former quotations, but in the present condition of the market they must be considered nominal. We quote Foundry No. 1, \$16.50 @ \$18; Foundry No. 2, \$15.50 @ \$17; Gray Forge, \$14.50 @ \$16.

**Scotch Pig.**—The only business we hear of is in small parcels at our quotations. We quote Glengarnock, \$23.75; Coltness, \$24; and Eglington, \$22.75.

**Rails.**—We hear of some inquiry for Steel Rails but no transactions are reported. In Iron nothing has transpired. We quote as before: Steel at mill, \$43 @ \$44, and Iron, according to quality, terms, &c., \$32 @ \$36.

**Old Rails.**—A sale of 300 tons Old Rails on private terms is reported. We quote \$17 @ \$18 nominally.

**Scrap.**—We quote No. 1 Wrought from yard, \$20 @ \$21.

## METALS.

**Copper.**—Sales for the week sum up but about 10,000 pounds Lake Superior, mostly at 16 1/4 ¢, some small lots selling on the dock a trifle below without thereby establishing a quotation, the market closing steady at 16 1/4 ¢, while Baltimore may be quoted 16 3/4 ¢ @ 16 1/2 ¢, nominally. Nothing has transpired in futures. The interval of a receiving market in London has been but short-lived, the market being about £1 sterling higher according to the latest news.

Best Selected now being quoted (as per cable) £70 @ £70. 10/., and Chili Bars, £64 @ £64. 10/.. Our market here will in all likelihood remain unimpaired by any London fluctuations for some three weeks to come, for the brass manufacturers will not be in the

market for available Copper between about the 4th inst. and a week later, for they will attend to the usual semi-annual repairs. The tendency, we are inclined to believe, will then become a favorable one, there being a great many circumstances favorable to Copper, prominent among which are the low price and the more cheerful aspect in Europe. Although statistically Copper may not be deemed in a favorable position in Europe, there are powerful interests there, seemingly ready to give the metal a great lift, and the pacification of Europe lends strength to any such well concerted plan to bring Copper back to less ruinous figures. On the 20th ult., as per mail advices just to hand, Best Selected stood £70. The demand for Manufactured Copper continues moderate at the combination prices, which are unchanged. English Yellow Sheathing Metal is in only limited request, the nominal value being 13 1/4 ¢, currency, in bond. There is some demand for American, but the price is irregular, on account of the competition with English. We quote: New Sheathing Copper, 26 ¢; Braziers', 28 ¢, and Bolts, 28 ¢. American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 14 ¢ @ 20 ¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 25 ¢, and English Yellow Sheathing Metal, 13 1/2 ¢, currency, in bond.

**Tin.**—The market here, partly on account of the heat and partly owing to the holiday week, has become very quiet. The dealings have been but trifling. We quote, at the close, Straits, in gold, large lines, 14 1/4 ¢; English Refined, 14 1/4 ¢; Common do., 14 ¢, and Banca, 17 1/4 ¢. London cables Straits, £62; Singapore cables \$18.25 per picul, with an exchange of 3/11. The June deliveries in England and Holland have been 1,600 tons, and the stock in London on the 1st instant was 9,500 tons. As per mail accounts, dated June 20, Straits Tin then stood £61. 10/. Tin Plates.—Charcoal Plates are strong on both sides of the Atlantic, and Coke Plates are weak. The general situation is a quiet and expectant one here, and a firm one in England. We quote at the close, as follows: Charcoal Bright, \$5.87 1/2 @ \$6; do., Ternes, \$5.50 @ \$5.62 1/2; Coke Tin, \$4.87 1/2 @ \$5, and ditto, Ternes, \$4.75, all gold, per box, large lots, ordinary brands. By mail from Liverpool we are, under date 20th ult., furnished the following remarks: "Most of the cheap Charcoal Tin sellers are now booked up some way ahead, and fresh contracts could not be placed except at advances of from 6d. to 9d. per box. The same applies to advanced Ternes, both Coke and Charcoal, and the most notable weakness appears in Coke Tins, which are meeting few buyers at the lowest points yet touched."

**Lead.**—The market since our last report has been strengthening; at all events, under 3 1/4 ¢, currency no common Domestic Lead can be had. Consumers not being under an urgent necessity to buy, hold back, apparently determined not to re-enter the market until actual wants compel them, but they, in common with others in the metal trade, will not hesitate to confess, we believe, that Lead has reacted from extreme depression not so much by reason of speculation as in consequence of a healthy rebound. They do not, we believe, anticipate a return to the late low figures in any event, and would probably be glad to a man to secure as much of Lead as they could lay their hands on at 3 1/4 ¢, currency, or below. If this be the general sentiment, and we have every reason to believe it is, the late upward turn was a truly legitimate one, and all the more so as it coincides with a similar movement in Europe, where it was rumored that Russia had secured 10,000 tons at late low prices. The fact is, so far as Europe is concerned, that the English mine owners in the Peninsula cannot go on producing at the ruinous figures that prevailed in June. If this be true, we shall have to be prepared for a lessened output in Spain, more important than the present German surplus. Should Europe under these circumstances continue to advance, a return to 3 ¢ @ 3 1/4 ¢, currency, here, would be out of the question also from the export point of view, and Lead would seem safe enough. As per mail advices, Lead was steadier in England as early as June 20, when English Pig stood £16. 15/. There is no change to note in the prices of Manufactured. We quote: Bar, 4 1/2 ¢; Pipe, 5 ¢; Sheet, 6 ¢; Tin-lined Pig, 15 ¢; No. 1 Solder, 8 1/2 ¢, all less 10 % to the trade.

**Spelter and Zinc.</**



Production has been pretty well controlled, but prices have not advanced to an adequate figure to enable the companies to make up for their reduced outputs. Some of the companies seem to be in financial straits, for not long since one of them was obtaining advances from its customers in the shape of notes, but it would seem that its credit was not high, since these notes were not discounted upon the indorsement of the company, but were indorsed by individuals. Such things as these shake people's faith and make the hand-to-mouth policy prevail. The time for testing the strength of the combination will be when the need of money begins to be felt after making up the July returns. Buyers feel less anxiety about their winter supply of coal, because of late years the facilities for distribution during the winter months has so greatly increased, and delay does not entail such a very heavy difference in the cost of transportation. Under these circumstances it is a matter for little surprise that people wait to see how matters will turn out. This policy is just the one which will do the companies the most damage; their hope being that, as soon as they have established the strength of their combination in the minds of buyers, there will be a rush of business and prices can be put up to any extent.

## IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending July 2, 1878:

Hardware.	
Baker Hermann & Co.	Order.
Cutlery, pkgs., 12	Sheet, pkgs., 500
Charles R. P.	Bars, 1
Millstones, 185	Wire, cs., 5
Gregg H. F. & Co.	Prosser Thos. & Son,
Nails, bbls., 20	Tyre forgings, 4
Guenthal G. & Sons	Tyres, 6
Ironware, cs., 4	Bars, 8
Koster & Goodman,	Rolls, bars, 2
Cases, 2	Walscheid C. H.
Lesher, Whitman & Co.	Bundles, 120
Cases, 1	Cases, 2
Moore's J. P. Sons,	Woodford W. O.
Guns, cs., 2	Cases, 9
Patterson Bros.	Bundles, 139
Packages, 6	Tyres, 142
Schoverling & Daly,	Order.
Mdse., pkgs., 1	Packages, 9
Spies, Kinsam & Co.	Bundles, 137
Guns, cs., 2	Metals.
Ward Asline,	Agostini J.
Mdse., pkgs., 4	Scrap copper, bxs., 1
Woolley W. N.	Am. Meter Co.
Wire netting, rolls, 70	Timed sheets, cs., 50
Wiebush & Hilger Hard-	Byrne Joseph & Co.
ware Co.	Tin plates, bxs., 360
Hardware & cutlery,	Bruce & Cook,
cks., 18	Tin plates, bxs., 1384
Order.	Curt N. L. & Co.
Wire, bbls., 32	Tin plates, bxs., 250
Per caps., cs., 5	Drexel, Morgan & Co.
Chains, cs., 23	Tin andterne plates,
Gun caps, cs., 6	bxs., 1966
Gun wads, cs., 4	Thompson D. & Co.,
Cases, 2	Tin plates, bxs., 1935
Caeka, 1	Haxton Benjamin,
Files, bxs., 1; cks., 42	Lead, bars, 2907
	Meyer Moritz,
	Lead, bars, 2498
	Naylor & Co.
	Tin plates, bxs., 4189
	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
	Tin plates, bxs., 9108
	black tag's, bxs., 90
	Thompson D. & Co.,
	Tin plates, bxs., 2008
	Order.
	Spelter, plates, 1803
	Tin plates, bxs., 12, 175
	Terne plates, bxs., 74
Iron.	
Lang W. Bailey & Co.	Bars, 110
Marvel W. D.	Ore, tons, 570
Milliken & Smith,	Rods, bbls., 377
Naylor & Co.	Pig, tons, 100
Bars, 4768	Coils, 269

## OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &amp;c.

Nothing of importance has occurred in this market since last week. Business in all departments is very trivial. An occasional large sale is effected, but this is an exception and not the rule, as buyers are holding off and cannot be induced to purchase any considerable quantity.

The purchasing prices offered by dealers for Old Metals are as follows:

Copper, heavy.....	per lb. \$0.13 @	...
Copper Bottoms.....	" "	10 1/2 @
Yellow Metal.....	" "	10 @
Brass, heavy.....	" "	10 @
Brass, light.....	" "	10 @
Composition, heavy.....	" "	11 1/2 @
Lead, solid.....	" "	10 1/2 @
Tea Lead.....	" "	10 @
Zinc.....	" "	10 1/2 @
Pewter, No. 1.....	" "	10 @
Pewter, No. 2.....	" "	10 @
Wrought Iron.....	pr ton \$16.00 @	...
Light do.....	" "	9.00 @
Stove Plate.....	" "	9.00 @
Machinery do.....	" "	10.00 @
Grate Bars.....	" "	3.50 @

The prices current for Rags, &c., are as follows:

Canvas, Linen.....	per lb. 3 c. @ 3/4 c.	...
" Cotton, No. 1.....	" "	3 1/2 c. @
" " No. 2.....	" "	3 1/2 c. @
White, No. 1.....	" "	3 1/2 c. @
" " No. 2.....	" "	3 1/2 c. @
Seconds.....	" "	3 1/2 c. @
Mixed, Woolen.....	" "	2 c. @ 3 c.
Soft, do.....	" "	6 1/2 c. @ 7 c.
Gunny bagging.....	" "	3 c. @
Jute butts.....	" "	3 1/2 c. @
Kentucky bagging.....	" "	3 c. @
Book Stock.....	" "	2 1/2 c. @
Newspaper Stock.....	" "	1 1/2 c. @ 1 3/4 c.
Waste Paper and Scraps.....	" "	1 c. @
Kentucky Bale Rope.....	" "	4 c. @
Oakum Junk, No. 1.....	" "	4 1/2 c. @ 5 c.
" No. 2.....	" "	3 c. @
Tarred Shaking.....	" "	1 c. @ 1 1/2 c.
Grass Rope.....	" "	2 1/2 c. @

## PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St. }  
Philadelphia, July 1, 1878. }

**Pig Iron.**—The close of the first half of the year finds the Iron trade suffering from a depression greater than at any time since the panic. Prices are also at a lower point than before, and so far as can be seen the trade is as far from improvement as ever. Comparing the prices of Iron with quotations of equal date in 1877, we find a decline of about \$1 per ton or 5 1/2 %. The decline in gold in the same time being 5 %, leaves the price of Iron, specie value, practically about same as it was in July, 1877. It is difficult to arrive at the exact figures, but it is generally conceded that the cost of production has been decreased nearly, if not quite, in proportion to the decrease in price of Iron, so that the furnaces are relatively in much the same condition as a year ago. It must not be forgotten, however, that during the past six months the shrinkage has been most serious. Prices improved during September and October until a full dollar per ton advance could be noted. During December the market began to show signs of weakness, which has since steadily increased until prices have been marked down from \$1 to \$1.50 and in some cases \$2 per ton below the figures ruling during the latter months of 1877. The advance of last fall

appeared to strengthen the idea that the lowest point of depression had been passed, but events have proved otherwise. To the agitation on the silver bill and the tariff question and other matters of similar character by many is attributed the dullness of the spring trade. Uncertainty and distrust seemed to hang over the trade in every direction, and in view of all the circumstances it is not surprising that business the past six months has been a disappointment. The immediate outlook does not present any very encouraging features, and the next two months will no doubt be marked by continued dullness and depression. The recent failures and suspensions in the trade are indications of the heavy strain before which even firms of large wealth have been compelled to succumb, and the present condition of affairs leaves too much room for fears that the worst is not yet past. The market is so crowded with needy sellers, and there is so little disposition to buy beyond supplying the moderate requirements of the immediate present, that it is impossible to hope for a change until the demand largely increases, and of that there is no present indication. The longest period of depression, however, must have an end, and although apparently as distant as ever, there can be no doubt each succeeding year brings the end so much nearer. There are many grounds upon which predictions of improvement might be based, but as some of these existed a year ago, and no improvement has yet been realized, the trade is becoming skeptical in regard to prophecies on such matters. The magnificent crops of last year, the increasing value of our exports, the settlement of the tariff question, the silver question, the increased earnings of the leading transportation companies, the gradual revival of railway building and kindred matters ought, and no doubt will, eventually exercise an important influence, and tend to restore our manufacturing interests to something of their former prosperity. It is believed that prices have at last reached their lowest point, and although no advance is expected during the summer months, it is not unlikely that best brands will be held at about present quotations. Cost of production has been reduced to its utmost limit, but prices have been cut below that point, and it is the opinion of the trade that not a single furnace in Eastern Pennsylvania is realizing first cost for their products. From this point of view it will seem that a change is inevitable, but, as we said before, it is apparently as far distant as ever. One immediate cause of the depression and weakness may be found in the fact that several old lots of Iron are being placed on the market, some connected with the failures of 1873 having been offered here last week. There is in fact a general disposition to unload, and as buyers are unwilling to take hold, the feeling is one of weakness and distrust. Standard brands are held with a fair degree of steadiness, but outside lots seem to have no definite value; hence the unsettled condition of the market. In ordinary transactions No. 1 Foundry may be quoted \$17 @ \$19; No. 2, \$16 @ \$16.50; Gray Forge, \$15 @ \$16; White and Mottled, \$13 @ \$14, average of sales being at medium figures. Outside lots are said to be offered at considerably lower prices for prompt cash.

**Manufactured Iron.**—The demand during the past six months has been somewhat spasmodic, and with the exception of special shapes, there has been no permanent activity. Contracts for bridge work have been so extensive that most of the mills making this class of Iron have been kept fully employed, and still have large orders to complete. The building of the elevated railways in New York has also had an important influence in keeping mills busy and prices steady. During the past two months there has also been a little stir in shipbuilding, which has kept the Plate mills from falling into entire inactivity, as seemed likely at one time. Prices of Plates have been cut down very seriously, and if first cost has been realized on a large portion of the business that has been taken, that is about all that can be said. At the moment there is a fair amount of work on hand, but there are no inquiries of importance, and from present indications it seems likely that the next two months will not furnish much new business. The decline in prices during the year has been from 7 to 10 %, but during the past few days there has been a growing disinclination to enter orders at the low rates taken a short time ago, and it is hoped better prices will henceforth be obtained.

**Sheet Iron.**—This branch of the Iron trade has suffered severely, the amount of business being light and unsatisfactory, while prices have steadily declined without any indication that bottom has been reached or that low prices will cause a demand. The decline from prices current a year ago may be estimated at from 7 to 15 %, but the demand is no greater than before. The mills in this vicinity will be closed for the present, and unless there is some improvement in the outlook, the suspension of work may be quite extended, as some of the leading firms are carrying large stocks and feel indisposed to add to them indefinitely. It is said that the business done has been nearly an average, but at figures which left nothing for manufacturers. Manufacturers now appear determined to get living prices or cease business entirely. Cost of production cannot be reduced, so that it is likely that prices are now at the lowest.

**Merchandise Bar.**—Has been probably the duldest branch of the whole trade, and although prices for a while were pretty well maintained, the market has gradually broken down, and at this writing the feeling is one of complete demoralization. It is difficult to say what prices actually are, as each mill seems to have its own classification of extras and makes prices to suit the exigencies of the moment. The cutting in extras seems to be the chief cause of complaint, and from present appearances there is not much prospect of early improvement in this department of the Iron trade. Consumption during the past six months has been very light, showing clearly the great depression which exists in manufacturing interests generally.

**Steel Rails.**—This branch of trade presents more encouraging features at the moment than any other connected with Iron

interests. The mills have been kept steadily at work, and during the past six months an advance in price of from 7 to 10 % has been firmly established. Sales during the early part of January were made at \$40, while \$43 is now refused, and \$44 @ \$45 may be considered an average price. There are numerous orders on the market for small lots, while several leading roads are endeavoring to place their orders for quantities ranging from 5000 up to 25,000 tons each. There can be no question that the railways are doing an enormous business, and will be compelled to purchase Rails largely as well as other equipments. In this connection we make the following abstract of the report of the Bethlehem Iron Company, presented to the Board of Directors a few days ago. The net earnings were shown at \$318,060.91. Against this was charged taxes, commissions, interest, furnace repairs, stock house, &c., a total of \$157,536.63, leaving a balance of \$160,524.28. Adding to this the net balance of June 1st, 1877, gave a total of \$205,798.41. Last year the company charged off some \$200,000 in shrinkage. Following in this general policy of getting rid of "dead items," the value of abandoned mines, shrinkage in properties, discounts, &c. were charged up against the balance given to the amount of \$169,385.91, leaving a net balance to profit and loss of \$36,412.50. During the year 37,793 tons of steel rails, 15,165 tons of steel billets, and 52,958 tons of spiegel and pig iron were made. In steel billets there is a very active demand. During the year only 4,784 tons of iron rails were made. It is expected that the prices now ruling will enable the Bessemer companies to earn a fair interest on their capital, and with prospects of a demand nearly equal to the full capacity of the mills. The outlook is decidedly encouraging, and it is hoped may favorably influence other branches of the iron trade.

**Iron Rails.**—While there is some little improvement to be noted, as compared with the condition of the trade six months ago, and prospects are fairly encouraging, the change is not so marked as in the Steel Rail trade. Some large orders for Iron Rails have been placed during the past month, and there are buyers in the markets for additional lots to a very important extent, but the prices offered and the terms of payment, are serious obstacles to the acceptance of a large proportion of the business. Still, there is a fair prospect that the mills will get enough business to keep them well employed, although prices may not leave much margin for profit.

**Old Rails.**—The market during the past six months has been weak, and prices have steadily declined until a reduction of about \$1.50 per ton was established, as compared with the price at the commencement of the year. Sales have recently been made at \$18 @ \$18.50, but at the present time it would be difficult to secure lots of good quality at less than \$19 or \$19.50. The future is a little uncertain, however, and as large quantities will have to come on the market soon, it is not unlikely that prices may yield a little. The Southern roads especially, are said to have an enormous quantity of Rails which must be renewed at an early date, so that the supply of Old Rails is likely to be large, and unless the demand becomes more active than at present prices will have to recede.

## PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, }  
Pittsburgh, July 1, 1878. }

General business has been very dull during the past week, and no change for the better is anticipated until the latter part of the month. It is customary with many of our manufacturers to stop during July to take stock and make repairs, and as business is very unsatisfactory, it is not likely that they will be in any hurry about starting up again. However, some of our manufacturers are hopeful in regard to the immediate future; stocks of all kinds of manufactured goods are comparatively light, both in first and second hands, and with big crops and in view of the heavy emigration Westward an increased consumption is confidently expected this fall.

The statement submitted by Rees, Graff & Woods to their creditors is not very encouraging, as the liabilities are heavy, while the assets are not all that could be desired by any means. The firm have made a proposition to pay 25 % of all unsecured liabilities, 5 % in one year, 10 % in two years and the remaining 10 % in three years, without interest. What action the creditors will take has not yet been developed. The feeling is increasing among the trade that it is not politic nor just to grant these suspended firms an extension without an understanding that they are not to sell their product below cost of production, and a guarantee that it is adhered to in good faith. It is very evident that those firms asking their creditors for a compromise and extension have been losing money, and it is fair to infer that they have been selling their goods below cost of manufacture. The question is just this: Is it just or politic to compromise with these suspended firms at 10 % to 50 % on the dollar, as the case may be, give several years without security to pay the same, and allow them to start up again and go into competition with other firms who propose to pay dollar for dollar? Would it not be better for the trade and the creditors as well, in many instances, to refuse extensions and let the individual or firm asking for the same be wound up? and would it not in the long run be better for the latter as well as the former? Experience of the past few years has developed that but very few of those obtaining extensions have been able to meet their payments; hence, as a rule, we are of the opinion that extensions of late years have done a good deal more harm than good.

**Pig Iron.**—There has been very little inquiry during the past week, and the probability is that the demand will continue light until the latter end of the month, as most of the mills and foundries will be stopped during the time in question, taking stock and making repairs. So far as regards prices, however, there has been no quotable change since the date of our last report, and stocks are very much reduced, particularly in the hands of consumers; hopes of an increased demand within the next few weeks

are entertained. Not only are stocks light, but the production, not only here but at those points tributary to this market, is down lower now than it has been at any time since the panic; and, moreover, it is believed that the cost of production, with the exception of ores, has been reduced to the very lowest limit. Bituminous Coal Smelted Irons are still quoted at \$18 @ \$20, 4 mos., for Foundry, and \$17 @ \$18.50 for Forge, the latter figure for standard brands of Red Short. Coke Irons, \$16 @ \$17.50, 4 mos., for Forge, according to quality. In Hanging Rock Charcoal the only reported sale was 70 tons of Cold Blast at \$31, cash. Bessemer Pig very dull; rail mills are well supplied and are not disposed to make any addition to their present stocks. Quoted nominally at \$19 @ \$19.50, 4 mos.

**Manufactured Iron.**—The volume of business continues to grow less every week, and there is not likely to be any improvement in the demand until next month, or after harvest. In regard to the future there is a diversity of feeling. Some of the trade, in view of light stocks, look for an increased demand as soon as the fall trade opens up, predicting, in view of the abundant crops and heavy emigration to the West and South, an increased consumption this fall and winter in those great consuming sections of the country. Another favorable feature lies in the fact that the production is not likely to be so large during the last half of the year, as a number of mills, being financially embarrassed, are not likely to be started up again for some time; and as it has been fully demonstrated that selling below actual cost of production can have but one end, there is nothing like the disposition manifested to cut prices that there has been. We continue to quote Refined Bars at 1.70¢ @ 1.80¢, 60 days, and poor stock at from one to two-tenths less.

**Nails.**—The market continues in a very unsatisfactory and demoralized condition, as, in addition to a limited demand, there is no uniformity in regard to price. Jobbers here are still sending out \$2.05 lists, and this being the case it is evident that they are paying below their selling price, but some of our manufacturers say that \$2.15, cash, is the lowest price they will accept, although it is hardly necessary to state they are not selling. The production is light, both here and at Wheeling, and it is not likely that it will be increased until the market improves, of which the prospect is not very encouraging at the present writing.

**Horse and Mule Shoes.**—The movement continues light, as it always is at this particular time, and it is not likely that there will be any decided improvement for some weeks to come. Shoenberger & Co. continue to quote their Juniata brand in 100-keg lots at \$3.37 1/2 and 4.37 1/2, cash. Special rates for large lots.

**Wrought Iron Pipe.**—Business is generally reported dull for the season, and prices to manufacturers unsatisfactory. We continue to quote discount on Gas and Steam Pipe at 60 to 65 %; Boiler Tubes 40 % off.

**Steel.**—There is a fair business for the season, although but few of the mills are working up to anything like their full capacity. No change in prices, which continue to rule in buyers' favor.

**Rails.**—Steel Rails are still quoted steady at \$44 @ \$45, cash, at mill. Sales of 1000 tons at \$44. Old Iron Rails in light supply here, but the inquiry is only fair. No change in prices, \$19.50 @ \$20, cash, for ordinary and \$20.50 @ \$21, cash, for special lots.

**Scrap.**—The market for all kinds of Scrap continues very quiet, and while the tendency is in buyers' favor there has been no quotable change during the past week.

## CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts., }  
Chattanooga, July 2, 1878. }

The Iron business in all its departments is steady and uninteresting. Crude metal is only in fair supply, and prices remain steady. Neither consumers nor producers look for any early marked improvement; hence the former buy only what they must have, and of the latter are shortening slightly the balance production. The prospect is that we shall get through the dull season experiencing no special embarrassment. All parties have very thoroughly learned the lesson of economy, as is well illustrated by the fact that a furnace which turns out an average of more than 25 tons of Foundry Iron daily, is operated by a labor force of 22 men, and one man does the combined duties of superintendent, secretary and treasurer. A considerable order for Water Pipe for California has been secured by a foundry here, our makers being able to compete with Philadelphia for the two reasons that raw material here is much cheaper and favorable freight rates will place Chattanooga products at the seaboard at less cost than the cost of manufacturing in Eastern cities. The weather was cool and dry the first days of the week, and ended warm and showery.

**Pig Iron.**—There is no change in the Pig Iron market worth noting. We make no change in figures, though probably slight concessions would be granted on large lots for cash. We quote: Coke Irons, No. 1 Foundry, \$17 @ \$18; No. 2, \$15 @ \$16; Gray Forge, \$13 @ \$14; White and Mottled, \$11 @ \$12. Hot Blast Charcoal—No. 1 Foundry, extra, \$20 @ \$21; do., \$18 @ \$20; No. 2 Foundry, \$16 @ \$18; Gray Forge, \$15 @ \$17; White and Mottled, \$15. Cold Blast Charcoal—Car Wheel Metal, \$22.50 @ \$27.50; do., Extra Standard, \$24.60 @ \$29.50; Forge, \$17.60 @ \$22.

**Muck Bar.**—\$27 @ \$34; Old Rails, \$16.50 @ \$17.50. Old Car Wheels, \$13.

**Ores.**—Brown Hematite, 50 to 56 %; P. ton, \$1.75 @ \$2.25. Red Fossiliferous, 50 to 56 %; P. ton, \$1.70 @ \$1.90. The above prices for Ores delivered in Chattanooga on cars or on the wharf from flat-boats.

**Nails.**—Show some more life than last week. The raid of the Upper Ohio factories seems to be weakening. The market, at best, no matter how ruinous the price might be to the manufacturer, will absorb but limited amounts. Builders would not generally lay in supplies for use in the Fall if they could get them for even less than the lowest rates offered by the raiders in Memphis; and

the latter have learned, if they did not know it before, that the building season in Southern cities is rather in Winter than in Summer. We quote at \$2.25, with usual discounts on large lots.

**Manufactured Iron.**—The market is fair. Bars are in good demand. The mills are all fully employed. Railroad supplies are fairly brisk. Bar we quote at \$2; Railroad Spikes, \$2.50; Light Rail, \$2.25; Track Bolts, \$3; Trestle Bolts, \$4.

**Coke.**—The furnaces in Central Alabama which began using coke from this district are doing well with it and the management report favorably. The probability is that the Chattanooga district will secure a monopoly of the coke supply for iron-making purposes, and if such shall be the case, both mining and coke making will grow rapidly in importance. We quote at \$2.50 per ton, on cars, in Chattanooga.

**Coal.**—We quote run of mine to manufacturers at \$1.50 @ \$2 per ton, on cars, at Chattanooga.

## CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, July 1, 1878.

**Iron Ore.**—The business in Lake Superior ore has almost entirely suspended. Furnaces cannot afford to buy ore at present prices and sell Pig Metal in the present market. Nor is there any inclination to make Pig Metal for the future. Many of the ore companies of Lake Superior are expecting to stop production entirely, and all are curtailing it. There is no disposition to make lower prices on ores of standard quality. If the policy of cutting down is followed up, as is now under advisement, there will be little ore on this side of the lake unsold this fall. Standard specular ores may be quoted firm at \$6, with nothing doing, however.

**Pig Iron.**—There is very little business doing in Pig Metal. The price of Bessemer Iron, which has been the only saleable grade since last fall, has fallen so low that furnaces are unwilling to take contracts at a price even with the last sales, and several companies lately working on Bessemer Metal are about to go out of blast. There is no call for Mill Iron, and the foundries are buying only from day to day, to cover their contracts. There is a fair demand for Foundry Pig Iron of extra properties for strength and cleanness, but it is only in a small way.

**Bar Iron and Nails.**—The trade in Manufactured Iron is not active, and sales are made only in small lots. The present is not the usual season for large contracts. Since the stoppage of several mills in the Western district, and the consequent curtailment of production, a feeling prevails that the early fall trade will be accompanied by a stiffening in price. The summer trade will probably absorb the stocks now in excess of the wants of trade, and the mills and merchants expect a more healthy condition and a more perfect equalization of supply and demand this fall.

**Scrap Iron.**—All kinds of Scrap material are dull. The largest consumers of Old Rails in this vicinity are obliged to stop their mills, and this market ceases to offer the inducements it did lately.

## BOSTON.

JUNE 29.—Fig.—It seems impossible to work up prices, even since the advance in freights. We quote: \$19 for No. 1, \$18 for No. 2, and \$17 for Gray Forge. Bar continues quiet and easy, quoting \$30.50 for Refined and \$34 @ \$35 for Bolt; American Rails, \$32 @ \$37; Steel Rails, \$42 @ \$43, from mill; Nails are in light demand at unchanged prices. Sheet is selling at 3¢ @ 3 1/4¢ P. B. Russia is quiet at 10 1/4¢ @ 11¢. We quote English Spring Steel at 7¢ @ 8¢, gold; 9¢ @ 11¢ for German; 9¢ @ 11¢ for Machinery; 14¢ @ 15¢ for Cast; 10¢ @ 12¢ for Blister; 8¢ for American Spring; 13 1/4¢ @ 14¢ for Cast; 9¢ for Blister; and 8¢ for Machinery. All kinds of Manufactured Iron have had a very dull week. Imports have been quite liberal. The Massachusetts, from Liverpool, brought 37 cs. Steel, order. The Bulgarian, from Liverpool, brought 1693 bars Iron, Thayer & Lincoln; 45 bbls. and 1214 bars Iron, Nightingale & Kilton; 5012 bars Iron, Fuller, Dana & Fitz; 2773 bars Iron, 84 bbls. Nail Rods, Blake Bros.; 2219 bars Iron, Brown Bros.; 7362 bars Iron, Nailor & Co. The Iberian, from Liverpool, brought 970 bars Iron, 22 bbls. Bar Iron, 30 do. Hoop do., 24 do. Galvanized do., Thayer & Lincoln. The Atlas, from Liverpool, brought 100 bxs. Iron, Williston, Knight & Co.; 146 bbls. iron, Naylor & Co.; 56 bbls. Steel Bars, Merchants' Dispatch Transportation Company. The steamer Otranto, from Hull, brought 2751 bars Iron, Nils Mitander; 15,170 bars and 559 bbls. Iron, 447 coils Wire Rods, order. Copper.—The market is dull and easy. The Iberian, from Liverpool, brought 211 Yellow Metal Bolts, Thayer & Lincoln. The Massachusetts, from Liverpool, brought 112 bars Yellow Metal, Spinney, Eaking & Co. For Manufacturers we quote: New Sheathing, 26¢; Bolts and Braziers, 28¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢; do. Sheathing, 18¢. Lead has advanced sharply, consumers as well as speculators purchasing liberally at the low prices current early in the week, and holders refusing to sell except on steadily advancing limits. We quote: Pig, 3 1/4¢ @ 3 1/2¢, currency; Sheet, 6¢; Pipe, 6¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 15¢; Bar Lead, 5 1/2¢; all of these, excepting Pig, are subject to the usual trade or 10 % discount. Antimony is quiet at 12¢ @ 13 1/2¢, gold, for Boston spot lots. Spelter is easy, closing at 4 1/2¢ @ 5¢ on the spot for 10-ton lots. Tin is quiet, without important sales. Singapore is cabled lower. The Massachusetts, from Liverpool, brought 100 bxs. Tin Plates, Fuller, Dana & Fitz; 50 do. do. do., Farrar, Follet & Co.; 261 do. do. do., order. The Bulgarian, from Liverpool, brought 361 bxs. Tin Plates, Thayer & Lincoln; 223 do. do. do., order. The Pembroke, from Liverpool, brought 1152 bxs. Tin Plates, S. May & Co. The Iberian, from Liverpool, brought 400 bxs. Tin Plates, order. The Atlas, from Liverpool, brought 450 bxs. Tin Plates, order. We quote: Straits, 14 1/4¢ @ 14 3/4¢; Banca, 17 1/4¢ @ 17 3/4¢; Refined English, 14 1/4¢ @ 14 3/4¢, gold. We quote Plate: Charcoal, I.



**SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE**  
are doing a slow business in iron, last week's total foreign shipments from Cardiff having been next to nothing. In the Swansea district a number of the rail makers are on the



qui vive for a foreign order for 100,000 tons, which is rather vaguely indicated as being about to be placed. The coal and patent fuel trade is fairly steady.

THE METAL MARKETS

have relapsed a little since the date of my last report, owing to the increase floating stocks and the political variations *de die in diem*. The Ironmonger reports: The Copper market has been fluctuating, with less firmness. Stocks are on the increase. Quotations are, for Chili bars, £64; at Liverpool, £61, 15. Wallaroo, £73; Burma, £71; English cake and ingot, £68, 10 @ £69; sheet and sheathing, £73 @ £75. The standard for ore has advanced £3, 15. At the Cornish sales the average price was £3, 15 per ton. Copper mines have consequently been firmer and more active. Tin is less firm, and prices are slightly lowered. Stocks are large, and with the promised increase in yield in Tasmania there does not seem much prospect of reduction. Australian and Straits are quoted at £62; Banca, at £64 @ £65 English ingot, £66; ditto brass, £67; ditto refined, £69. Tin mines are better, and the standard for ore has advanced 20 per ton. Tin plates are still weak, and although the quotations are stronger, viz., 16/ @ 17/ for coke boxes, and 18/6 @ 22/ for charcoal, a large quantity is being sold at much lower rates. Lead continues heavy, but a better feeling is observable. Prices are—English pig, £16, 15; W.B., £17, 10; sheet and bar, £17, 15; Spanish, £16, 7/6 @ £16, 10. Lead mines are firm, and are advancing. Zinc.—At the fortnightly sale held on Thursday by W. T. Sargent & Son, 120 tons were sold at £20, 5 net cash. Quicksilver continues dull at £7 per flask. Spelter at £17, 12/6 for Silesian, £21 for English, and £21 @ £22, 11/ for sheet zinc. Brass Wire, 7 1/2 d. @ 8; sheets, 8 1/4 d. @ 8 1/2 d; yellow metals, 6 1/4 d. @ 7d.

The official report of the London Metal Exchange is: "Copper.—A further public sale of Australian has been announced for June 18, viz., 330 tons Cobar cake and 92 tons G. W. Co. ingots; market quiet for G. O. B. on the spot, with sellers at £63, 10; good demand for forward bars at £64; no transactions reported in Australian; English tough, £68, 10 @ £69, 10; select, £70 @ £71; strong sheets, £75 @ £77. Tin firm; Straits and Australian at £61, 10; English ingots, £65. Iron.—Scotch pigs, £49, 10; cash. Lead firm; £16, 15 @ £17 for English; soft Spanish, without silver, £16, 10. Spelter.—£17, 12/6 @ £17, 15 for ordinary brands. Zinc.—No quotations. Quicksilver, £7. Antimony, £49 @ £49, 10. I take the following from Messrs. Sanders Bros.' monthly iron and metal circular, London, June 13:

COPPER.

Our present quotations are:

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ores and regulus.....	12 0 0	12 0 0
Chili bars.....	63 10 0	63 0 0
English tough.....	69 0 0	69 0 0
" selected.....	71 0 0	71 0 0
" manufactured.....	73 0 0	73 0 0

Compared with same date 1877:

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ores and regulus.....	12 0 0	12 0 0
Chili bars.....	63 10 0	63 0 0
English tough.....	69 0 0	69 0 0
" selected.....	71 0 0	71 0 0
" manufactured.....	73 0 0	73 0 0

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Exports to U. S. unmdf'd.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
" other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
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other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

Copper was at the bottom when we last wrote, and rapidly thereafter advanced £2 per ton, without much business being done in Chili sorts, the rise being too rapid, then with good consumptive and some small speculative business we improved up to £65 for Chili bars and £71 for best selected. With the intervention of the Whitsuntide holidays and cessation of business prices receded about 20 per ton all round, at which we close steadily as above, with further disposition to purchase at any further trifling decline in values. The charters for the first half of May were 1300 tons, and for the second half 2000 tons, the rise in values on the West coast not being quite so rapid as at home. The total figures, stocks and float, were, on the 1st inst., 46,438 tons, being a decrease of 193 tons on the previous month. The prospects for copper, with peace, seems decidedly favorable at present. English copper was dealt in to a large extent at slowly advancing prices, but consumers generally will certainly be buyers again next month. Australian copper was neglected comparatively, and hardly got a share of the current business. Burma now quoted 71; Wallaroo, £72, 10. Outside brands neglected and at nominal rates. Public sales are announced to take place on the 18th inst., of about 600 tons Wallaroo, 300 tons Burma and 400 tons outside brands of Australian.

RAILS.

Iron, £5 for heavy sections, compared with £5, 5/ same date last year; steel, £6, 5/ compared with £6, 15/ same date last year.

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Exports to United States.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
" other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Exports to United States.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
" other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

Iron rails continue dull, with little disposition to purchase them, steel being so much better value for money at existing rates. Steel rails are steady, in fair demand, without variation in price since our last.

SPIEGELEISEN.

£5 per ton for 20 English and foreign, with dull demand and a tendency to lower rates.

FERROMANGANESE.

Unchanged in price, with slow demand, but no disposition to reduce limits.

LEAD.

	Our present	Compared with
WB.....	per ton 18 0 0	same date, 1877, £ s. d.
Ordinary brands.....	17 0 0	20 0 0

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Exports to United States.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
" other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

The volume of business done on the month has been good, but supplies on all hands are so large that prices have given way again, and lower limits still seem probable.

REGULUS OF ANTIMONY

£49, compared with same date last year £48. Inquiry limited but sufficient just to sustain prices.

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Exports to United States.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
" other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

The imports of Tin into England have been:

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Cwts.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
Cwts.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

The figures of tin are almost unchanged on the month. Deliveries were a full average but arrivals were large, and speculative purchases, based on the peaceful aspect of politics, failed to induce a rise of more than £2 per ton, viz., to £63 for Straits and Australian, which has since been lost, however, and we close with a flat market at above prices.

The following statement shows the present position of tin:

	April 1, 1878.	May 1, 1878.	June 1, 1878.	June 1, 1877.
Foreign tin in London.....	1878.	1878.	1878.	1877.
Banca and Billiton.....	1878.	1878.	1878.	1877.
Banca in hands of the Dutch Trading Co. unmdf'd.....	1878.	1878.	1878.	1877.
Foreign tin afloat for Europe.....	1878.	1878.	1878.	1877.
Total.....	1878.	1878.	1878.	1877.

SPELTER.

Ordinary Silesian, £18, compared with £20, 5/ @ £20, 10/ same date last year.

A dull, dragging market with only moderate business done, showing a gradual fall of 10 per ton, closing flat.

TIN PLATES.

	Month ended May 31, 1876.	Month ended May 31, 1877.	Month ended May 31, 1878.
Exports to United States.....	1876.	1877.	1878.
" other countries.....	1876.	1877.	1878.

In our last issue we referred to negotiations that were pending for a general reduction in the make of tin plates for the remainder of the present year, and we intimated that there was every probability of some arrangement being agreed upon. Meetings were held, and a proposal to curtail production one-fifth met with the approval of a large majority of the makers, and notice was issued to the effect that such reduction would take place. This announcement, however, appears now to have been premature, as, while the negotiations were in progress, some very large sales were made by one or two of the most important makers of coke plates, who found themselves, at the last moment, so heavily booked as to render working full time absolutely necessary for a fulfillment of their engagements, and their withdrawal from the proposed combination has led to its entire collapse for the present. There is no doubt that the prospect of a decreased production stimulated demand, and enabled makers, for the time being, to obtain slightly better prices; but it remains to be seen whether the improvement will be maintained when existing orders are worked off, or whether we shall revert to lower figures again. In favor, of course, of the former view, is the probability of an amicable settlement of the Eastern question, now that the Congress has assembled, tending to a more healthy feeling throughout business circles generally, while on the other hand it is incontestable that supply is very much in excess of demand, and that without a substantial revival in trade, or some arrangement whereby production is reduced within the limits of demand, prices must inevitably recede. Transactions in plates on a very considerable scale, both with the Continent and America, have taken place during the past few weeks, the bulk of the business being in cokes at 14/9 @ 15/, and the latter price is now generally asked for ordinary brands. For half-cross specification charcoal tin plates the quotation is 18/, and charcoal ternes we call 17/. Speaking generally, the makers are filled with orders up to about the end of July.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

VERMONT.

The Colby Winger Company of Waterbury are doing a fair business in the manufacture of their improved wringer and "Little Washer."

The Lane Mfg. Co. of Montpelier report business better the past six months than for five years previously. Their work is mainly on mill machinery used in the manufacture of lumber.

The Steam Stone Cutter Co. of Rutland have furnished eight of their machines to F. S. Gross, of Lee, Mass., who has the contract for furnishing the marble, amounting to nearly a million feet, for the city buildings of Philadelphia. They have also recently shipped one of their machines to the Middlesex quarry in Connecticut.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Business at the Manchester Locomotive Works, Manchester, is improving. These works have recently received orders for one of the Amoskeag fire engines from San Francisco, Cal., and one also from Rockland, Me.

CONNECTICUT.

The old Bridgeport Iron Works building, which has been idle for several years, is now the theater of busy workmen, and the whirr of machinery has superseded long-time stillness. The present occupants are Thomas Coulter and Hector McKenzie, who, under the firm name of Coulter & McKenzie, have for about a year conducted a successful business as machinists near the corner of Water and Thomas streets. These quarters becoming too small for them they moved to the corner of Golden Hill and Water streets and took possession of the Bridgeport Iron Works building on the first of this month, where, in addition to the machinery on the premises, they have added a number of new machines. Landon & Co., iron founders, of Chapinville, in Salisbury, have failed. Their liabilities are between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Horace and George Landon comprise the company.

The Mascosa Edge Tool Company have made 2700 scythes the past year, the largest business ever done in their shop.

The Sharps Rifle Company of Bridgeport recently received an order for 1300 of their military rifles from the State government of Kentucky, and are also in daily expectation of a foreign order for 10,000.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The new Acushnet Iron Foundry, New Bedford, is one of the busiest concerns in that city.

The Ames Manufacturing Company at Chicopee, in addition to other business, are turning out 1000 sabre swords a day on an order for 200,000 from a foreign government.

At the annual meeting of the Holyoke Water Power Company, week before last, a 5 per cent. semi-annual dividend was declared and the following officers elected: President, George M. Bartholomew; agent and treasurer, W. A. Chase; directors, M. D. Ross, John B. Stebbins, J. J. Goodwin, Charles N. Beach, Roland Mather and D. L. Harris.

The National Needle Company of Springfield are about bringing suit against the Waterbury Needle Company, of Waterbury, Conn., for infringing one of their patents and their trade-mark. The penalty for the latter offense is liable to be a fine of \$1000 or two years' imprisonment, but for infringing a patent only civil damages can be collected.

At the annual meeting of the Athol Machine Company the following officers were chosen: D. W. Houghton, W. D. Smith, L. S. Starrett, Geo. T. Johnson, D. A. Newton, A. Bangs, Athol and A. W. Goodman Dana, directors; D. A. Newton, secretary; J. S. Parmenter, treasurer. The company is reported to be in a flourishing condition under the management of D. A. Newton.

Jerome Wheelock, of Worcester, has just completed arrangements with an eminent firm of French engineers for the manufacture of the Wheelock improved automatic cut-off engine in France. The terms are most favorable to Mr. Wheelock, and the sale is due to the excellent exhibit he is making at the Paris Exposition, where his engine is driving the machinery of the American department. Mr. Wheelock, who has been abroad for several months, is expected home in July. His works at Worcester are full of orders for engines, and more than the usual number of hands are being employed to keep up with the demand.

NEW YORK.

The stove foundries in this city will probably all shut down next week, resuming operations on the Monday after the Fourth. The foundries have been running very steadily since the general resumption in the spring, most of them on full time, and with a large complement of hands. The outlook of the stove trade is said to be very favorable, and steady work will undoubtedly be the order again after July 8.—Troy Times, June 28th.

Work has been suspended at the Bessemer Steel Works and the Rensselaer Works, Troy, to enable the proprietors to make necessary repairs and alterations. The capacity of the Rensselaer Works will be largely increased, and the mills will be started up again in about two weeks.

The ore mines lately opened by Mr. James Chapman, of Putnam Valley, in old "Put," three miles from Annsville in Canopus Hollow, near West Point, have been sold for \$16,000 to Messrs. Tower and Bech, of the Poughkeepsie Iron Company, who are also the owners of the extensive mines and works at the Forest of Dean, which they have successfully operated for 20 years. The ore found in Canopus Hollow possesses, it is said, valuable qualities found in few mines for the making of steel.

Thursday, the 20th ult., the blast furnace property at Charlotte, belonging to the defunct Rochester Iron Manufacturing Co., was sold at auction, sheriff's sale. It was bid by Henry C. Roberts & Co., coal dealers, for \$7,257—hardly enough to satisfy their judgment against the corporation.

At no time during the past five years has there been such a rush of business as is at present apparent at the car works of Gilbert, Bush & Co., on Green Island. Every track in all of the different departments is occupied, and in some of the shops the force is doubled.

The Pitts Agricultural Works at Buffalo are running full time with a full force—200 men—and are piling up a large number of thrashing machines. The business thus far has been better than that of last year.

English capital is reported to be going into a cutlery factory at Syracuse.

The Walter A. Wood Mowing Machine Co. does not appear to be affected by the hard times. The mills are now running night and day, and a force of 1200 is employed, turning out 175 machines every 24 hours. The total production this year, it is believed, will be about 30,000 machines. The company declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. last Thursday.

MARYLAND.

The puddling mill at the Cumberland Iron

Works, with eight furnaces, went on double turn last week. The 16-inch train of rolls in the bar mill resumed on single turn only. On Thursday the 12-inch train in the same mill was added. Sixty puddlers and helpers are at work, the whole number of hands employed in the puddling department being about 85. Fifteen hands are now employed in the bar mill, and 13 were added, making the whole number of persons employed in the mill, exclusive of laborers and clerks, nearly 115 persons. All the iron now being made is consumed in the bar mill. It is not yet known when the rail mill will be started.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Sheridan furnaces, owned by William M. Kaufman & Co., are turning out now about 300 tons of iron a week, which is nearly all the best No. 1 A. The demand for this iron is strong, and a large part of it is sent to San Francisco and to Montana territory. The furnaces are working very well, being admirably located, and notwithstanding the dull times, yield a profit to their owners. Everything about them indicates industry, thrift and good house-keeping. Piles of iron ore, coal and limestone in the furnace bins, fine buildings, good fences, and farms in the highest state of cultivation, greet the eye of the traveler as he passes by Sheridan in the cars.—Reading Eagle.

We clip the following from the Sharon Herald of the 28th ult.: From Kimberly, Carnes & Co., or rather from the New Mill, we have nothing new to report. The puddle mill, nail plate mill and nail factory were off all week; nail plate mill and factory went on Monday of the present week. In the lower mill, old hoop mill and guide mill double turn; bar mill on part of the week; and that is all, except rumors, in which we don't take stock. It is generally accepted as a fact that everything will soon be as it ought to be. At the Westerman Mill, same as last week—everything steady as clock-work, not even Madame Rumor having any bad news. The lining in No. 1 blast furnace is in good condition—good enough for another blast—and, with a new hearth and boshes, might again astonish old furnacemen with her products. Nothing particular from the Stewart Iron Works—still making iron and shipping it as fast as made; but they, too, happen to ship it, so far, to the right kind of places. Nothing gloomy from Sharpville or Middlesex—still working and doing well.

The Phoenix Iron Works are receiving plenty of orders at present.

A contract for tightening up of the bridges and trestle works on the Philadelphia and Newtown Railroad has been awarded to Levi Pocht, contractor, of Birdsboro.

The Bethlehem Times says: Some of the furnaces in the Lehigh Valley will run short of coal under the allotment of coal for this month made by the coal combination. The supply is entirely inadequate. The Lehigh operators are solicitous to do all in their power to keep the furnaces supplied, and will request Dr. Linderman and Mr. Wilbur, the Lehigh members of the board of control of the coal combination, to ask for a further allotment for this month.

Mr. McDowell, of the firm of Leibbrandt & McDowell, from Philadelphia, is at Moslem, making improvements and drawings for putting the furnace in blast. Mr. John Birkenbine, from Lebanon, is there, making drafts for changing the furnace to a capacity of 185 to 200 tons of iron per week.

All but 30 of the iron spans for the roof of the Gautier Steel Company building, at Johnstown, are now in position, and the work of covering it will be commenced at once.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., the National Locomotive Works, owned by Mr. Bailey, who failed recently, were sold at sheriff's sale. The works are located in New Haven, a small town directly across the river from Connellsville, Fayette county. They are quite extensive, and are fitted up with the most approved machinery. In addition to the works themselves, there were also several unfinished narrow-gauge locomotives on hand, a large lot of finished and unfinished brass, wrought and cast ironwork, all the small tools necessary for the various departments of locomotive building, together with a lot of material on hand. In addition to this all the orders on the books were sold. Good judges estimated the property as worth, at least, \$35,000 or \$40,000. It was knocked down to Mr. E. K. Hyndman, superintendent of the Connellsville road, for \$2500. A lot of scrap was purchased by Mr. McGarvey, of Pittsburgh. The works are capable of turning out 24 complete narrow-gauge locomotives annually. With a little addition to the machinery the capacity can be increased to 30 locomotives annually, varying from 30 to 35 tons. It is proposed to start up the works again, thus giving employment to about 100 men. The works hereafter will likely be run by a stock company. In addition to the building of locomotives, the concern enjoys a good trade in repairing engines and doing jobbing work.

The newly opened ore mines on Bailey's and Leshner's land are doing well thus far. On the 21st ult. the first ore was shipped to Lenhartsville, consigned to Spang, Erb & Co., to be used in Maiden Creek furnace.

The rolling mill of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. will stop for ten days during the present month, and most if not all of the mills in that vicinity will do the same.

A pair of new shears will be placed in the rolling mill of the Messrs. Potts Bros., Pottstown, at an early date.

The works of the Pottstown Iron Co. are idle this week.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The employees of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works will have a vacation from July 4th to July 8th. During the interim the necessary repairs will be made.

Twenty-two shops are now in full operation at the Tumbler Works at Rochester, many of them working at night and employing a larger force of hands than ever before.

Several of the South Side glass houses suspended operations last week for a brief period.

Duncan & Son's press house, on the South Side, is running steadily.

A. Leggate's spring and axle works, Allegheny City, are on single turn.

At the Union Iron Mills of Messrs. Carnegie Brothers & Co., of Pittsburgh, there have been rolled a number of 12-inch iron girders, 41 1/2 feet long and each weighing 1783 pounds, for the Black Diamond Steel Works of Messrs. Park, Brother & Co. They are designed for bracing three steel melting gas furnaces of larger capacity than any ever erected in this or any other country.

Smith, Sutton & Co.'s steel works in Allegheny City shut down last Saturday for a week or ten days. During the stoppage they will take stock.

VIRGINIA.

Messrs. Jos. Hall & Co. of Richmond, in addition to their large contract with the United States government for over 1,000,000 pounds of castings last year, have closed another contract with the government for over 300,000 pounds.

WEST VIRGINIA.

A new chimney house has been started at Wheeling by Peter Sweeney. They propose to put fire in on the 15th of July. The furnace is a 6-pot one, and will employ 15 or 16 shops.

Sweeney & Son, of the Superior Machine Works, Wheeling, shipped a large car load of mowing machines West last Friday. The Arlington Stove Works, Wheeling, have shut down for a short vacation.

OHIO.

The Eureka Steel and Iron Works of Black, Daker & Co. at Wellsville are expected to start up in July. They propose to manufacture steel for shovels and plows.

The heaters and rollers of Brown, Bonnell & Co., Youngstown, went on a strike Saturday, the 22d inst., in accordance with the notice of a week ago.

W. B. Pollock & Co.'s Boiler Works at Youngstown are running full time. All hands employed, with plenty of orders ahead.

The Youngstown Vindicator says: Cartwright, McCurdy & Co. have signed the sliding scale, and their puddlers have gone to work. Brown, Bonnell & Co. have not signed.

The Martin's Ferry News says: The Agricultural Implement Works of L. Spence & Hoyle Bros. are both working up to their capacity to supply orders. The Buckeye Glass Works have been giving very satisfactory results the last two weeks, both as to quality and quantity of ware.

The Garry Iron Roofing Company, Cleveland, have received orders to put their popular iron roofing on the I. P. and C. R. R. shops, at Peru, Ind., which will replace those recently burned at that point.

Messrs. Younglove & Co., of the Cleveland Agricultural Iron Works, have lately received orders for 500 cider mills and 1000 corn shellers, besides orders for large amounts of agricultural machinery.

The Youngstown Vindicator says the Girard flour mill is running full capacity.

The Church Hill Coal Company are mining and shipping about 500 tons of coal per day.

The old mill on the Mahoning River, near Edenburg, which has stood still since the canal was abandoned, is now being refitted to be run by steam by its present owner, Samuel Harnitt, who is the successor of John D. Rainey, by whom it was built.

Messrs. Menke & Co., machinists and model makers, have recently opened a shop at No. 14 East Seventh street, Cincinnati, where they do all kinds of light machine work and pay special attention to model making. They also deal in and repair light and heavy machinery of all kinds.

The Pomeroy Iron Company, V. B. Horton, president, of Pomeroy, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$70,000.

KENTUCKY.

The trustees of the Steubenville Water Works awarded a contract for 133 1/2 tons of 20-inch water pipe to Dennis Long & Co. of Louisville at \$24.90 per ton. The other bids ranged from \$25.60 to \$28.75 per ton, including one from Smith & Sons of Pittsburgh at the latter figure.

The furnace of the Norton Iron Works, Ashland, was again lit up on Thursday night, the 20th ult., and is now making from 45 to 50 tons of good iron per week.

Messrs. Thos. Meikle & Co. have recently contracted to supply their patent wrought-iron clevises for the coming season to the large plow factories in the Northwest and in the East.

MISSOURI.

Many of the stove foundries in Missouri have shut down or are running on half time. The Helmbach Forge and Rolling Mill Company, St. Louis, have secured some large orders and expect to run through the summer.

The St. Louis Bolt and Iron Company are as usual very busy and have plenty of orders.

The Laclede Rolling Mill, St. Louis, is still running, but will shut down during the hot season.

The Peckham Iron Company, Kinswick, are manufacturing directly from Iron Mountain ore a superior quality of blooms, which have been thoroughly tested and found to be fully equal to, if not better than, the best brands of Swedish Iron. It is said that the capacity of the works is to be largely increased, and probably in connection with their furnaces for manufacturing blooms they will put in a small rolling mill for the manufacture of nail rods, wire rods, &c.

WISCONSIN.

The Eclipse Windmill Company are making some important improvements in railway water supply in the way of an improved tank valve and spout, and also a new force pump for hand or windmill use. They believe their long experience in their line of business will result in producing an article that will command the attention of engineers and meet with their approval. The company's works at Beloit have ample facilities and are now running with night and day force. Ten mills were recently shipped to Vienna, Austria, and five are billed this week for Australia. Their export shipments have been averaging about 20 mills a month. They are now at work on a contract from the Denver and Rio Grande road for 11 mills on the new extension, and have fifty other orders in their shops from some of our largest roads.



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The New York agent of a large cutlery establishment in New England speaks of more inquiry from abroad of late than he has before known for American goods, which he attributes to recent efforts to reach foreign buyers through advertising. His remark is that "we have not yet a strong hold abroad, but there is a great deal of inquiry." In proof of this we were shown a letter from Berlin, saying: "Your house has been recommended and we want samples of goods." Another from Sidney, New South Wales, says: "Please put up a thorough and complete line of samples." Another from Adelaide, Australia, asks prices, and says that "if they compare well with Sheffield, some business can be done." The Brazil mail just received contains similar correspondence. The conclusion reached is that at several points in the foreign market there is an opening for fine American cutlery, giving promise for the future. It does not appear that our cutlery manufacturers are making much new trade, but rather that what we gain our English competitors lose.

An anomaly illustrative of the inert character of the Mongolian race, is observed among the Chinamen employed for many years past in making cutlery at Beaver Falls, Pa., where they adhere to the use of their chopsticks as stubbornly as ever, which augurs poorly for an extension of trade in this line among the Celestials. They imitate well, but have no inventive genius.

It is noticed, as the result of the recent stir among would-be exporters, that a considerable class of adventurers has come to the surface, asking for samples and a cash advance, to be shared equally among the firms accepting the offer of services, to meet expenses. One of our merchants, in directing attention to this new feature, observes that he does not favor overtures of this sort; that the policy of his firm is to move slowly, and when anything bona fide offers be prepared to take it. They will not spend much money to get orders, for the world, in their opinion, is not ready.

The system of labor existing among English and American manufacturers is spoken of by the New York representative of one of the large cutlery companies as radically different, and their comparative merits are being subjected to a severe test. The American mechanic works rapidly by the aid of machinery, and it is owing to improved appliances—substitutes for hand labor—that he accomplishes so much. In England, on the contrary, an entire knife is made by a single man, on a plan exactly the reverse of the American system of team work, as seen in the manufacture of shoes and in other lines. Wages in England are at present very low, in comparison with rates paid in the United States, which is a great point in their favor as against America, but with continued strikes in the manufacturing districts of England the tendency there is toward higher wages, which must go against her.

As a general remark it may be said that the best American manufacturers are giving more attention to fine work and are using American steel almost exclusively.

## Failures in New York During the Past Six Months.

There were an exceptionally large number of failures in this city during the six months ending June 30, there having been in all 514 reported, in which the aggregate liabilities amounted to \$39,030,795 and the assets were valued at \$11,012,662. This is a large increase over the record for the corresponding period of the year 1877. Depreciation in real estate has forced many houses to suspend, and the repeal of the bankrupt law has also swelled the list of failures. Among the various branches of business stock brokers have suffered the most, there having been 23 failures in that line, their total liabilities being \$3,854,260. Manufacturers have suffered severely, 23 failures being reported, in which the liabilities were \$1,412,565. Twenty-six grocers failed, the liabilities being \$978,495. Carpenters and builders swell the list by 14 failures, with liabilities \$3,518,047. In January the drug trade was greatly depressed on account of the assignment of E. J. Dunning, Jr., and seven drug houses went under, having liabilities amounting to \$1,537,153. Twenty-one failures were reported in the boot and shoe trade, with liabilities of \$1,388,076. Lumber dealers felt the hard times, there being seven failures, in which the liabilities were \$2,147,928. In the hat trade there were 16 failures, the liabilities amounting to \$1,040,246. Nineteen liquor dealers failed owing \$809,088. Fourteen hotels and restaurants suspended, their debts amounting to \$311,018. The provision trade had fifteen failures, in which the liabilities were \$1,427,168. Seventeen produce merchants suspended, the aggregate liabilities being \$335,913. The sugar trade had three failures, the liabilities amounting to \$1,150,313. In the shipping line four firms suspended, having liabilities of \$846,965. Four real estate agents are bankrupt, with debts amounting to \$1,567,500. Five railroad contractors failed, owing \$1,340,682. In the jewelry trade fourteen failures were announced, the liabilities being \$508,826. Nine furniture dealers were unable to meet their payments, and owe their creditors \$66,283. The dry goods trade has passed through its worst period, and only seven failures were reported, the total liabilities being \$471,504 and assets \$193,079. In the fancy goods trade thirteen firms failed, having an aggregate indebtedness of \$550,609.

There were 54 business failures reported in this city during the past month, with liabilities aggregating in all \$4,312,030. This shows a considerable falling off both in numbers and amount, as compared with the previous month, there having been reported during May a total of 95 failures in the city, with gross liabilities amounting to \$5,686,306. Among the more prominent individual and firm suspensions during June and their indebtedness, so far as could be ascertained, may be enumerated, Alden B. Stockwell, the former Pacific Mail President, \$1,064,000; B. L. Solomon & Sons, furniture and upholstery, \$509,000; David

M. Koehler, liquors, \$510,000; Chas. Scott & Co., white goods importers, \$200,000; Ash Bros., clothing, \$160,000; Haines & de Janin, boarding school, \$143,000; Rodger, Wardrobe & Co., white goods importers, \$98,000; Combination Rubber Company, \$75,000, and many others.

**The East River Bridge.**—At the monthly meeting of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge trustees on Monday, the treasurer's monthly report showed \$101,138.73 receipts and \$189,063.36 expenditures. The executive committee, which had its meeting yesterday, had opened the proposals for furnishing charcoal iron wrapping wire for the cables, and they reported that bids had been received from J. Lloyd Haigh, Washburn & Moen and John A. Roebling's Sons & Co. The contract was awarded to Mr. Haigh for 3.95 cents per pound. The board went into executive session to consider the proposals for the manufacture of about 5800 tons of ironwork required for the main span and two land spans of the suspended structure of the bridge. The main span has a length of 1595 feet 6 inches from center to center of towers. Each land span has a length of 930 feet from the center of the tower to the face of the anchorage. The framework of this superstructure has a width of 86 feet, and is hung from four 16-inch steel cables by means of suspenders. In the land spans the equilibrium of curves requires the main cables to be 8 feet below grade at the face of the anchorage, thus bringing the floor line above the cables for a distance of 250 feet out from thence. The suspenders are here replaced by posts standing on the cables. The grade of both sides is fixed at 3.25 feet to a hundred. The statement was made in executive session that the treasurer was lacking money, because of the delay in the collection of taxes in Brooklyn and the inaction of the Board of Apportionment in this city, and it was decided that no action could be taken on the proposals until the money was forthcoming. The bids were referred to the president.

**Rapid Transit in Brooklyn.**—A secret session of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Commissioners was held on Saturday last, at which they selected the streets through which, in their opinion, the road should run, and specified the time at which certain sections should be completed. The time for the completion of the entire road is fixed at one year and six months from the 1st of August next. The rates of fare are to be 5 and 10 cents, and the capital stock is fixed at \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares. The commissioners decided to abandon the saddle-bag plan represented by Col. Roy Stone and recommended by Gen. Newton and Col. Adams, the consulting engineers, and to adopt plans similar to those in use in this city. The tracks will rest upon the tops of the columns or upon transverse girders supported by the columns, and combined steel and stone columns will be used where space will permit. The road will be run from Fulton Ferry along Fulton and Washington streets, Myrtle, Lexington and Nostrand avenues.

**Composite Grindstones.**—Messrs. Cooper & Hoile, of 351 Adams street, Brooklyn, are carrying on the manufacture of artificial grindstones. The stones are made from several qualities of clay, emery, Vienna chalk, &c., chemically prepared. The manufacturers claim to have obtained the same qualities to be found in all the various natural stones used for grinding purposes. They also make strong claims in regard to their strength, the amount of work that can be done with them, &c., which seem to be borne out by the results of actual use. These stones are made from 2 to 36 inches in diameter, and of coarse or fine grain.

At Dundas, Ont., June 28, the roof of the main building of the Canada Screw Company's works was discovered to be on fire. A large quantity of hose was immediately procured and connected with the fire pump on the premises of the Canada Tool Works of McKeechie & Bertram. The flames were mastered before the body of the building was reached. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been a spark from the smoke-

stack. Loss about \$500, which is fully covered by insurance.

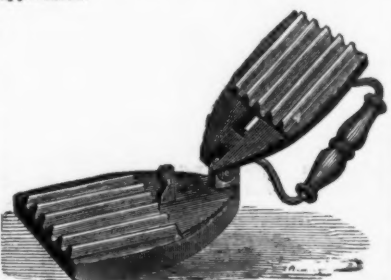
**A Large Bridge Contract.**—The River Iron Works at Kaighn's Point, Camden, has secured the contract for the erection of a wrought-iron truss bridge in Connecticut. The bridge will be 48 feet span and 26 spans, making a total of 1248 feet. The iron work will be manufactured at Kaighn's Point, and is to be completed by the latter part of August. The bridge will be of the truss pattern, and the material will be put into shape for the New York Bridge Company, who secured the work and engaged the River Iron Company to make up the material.

**Heavy Failure in England.**—LONDON, July 1.—Heavy failures are reported in the South Staffordshire iron trade. H. B. Whitehouse & Son, of Bilston, large colliery proprietors and owners of several blast furnaces, have stopped work. Their liabilities are heavy.

Bristol, which straddles the Tennessee and Virginia State line, has two systems of local government and belongs about equally to two States. The line between Tennessee and Virginia is the center of Main street, and it gives rise to many funny scenes; as, for example, the runaway couple need no coach and four, but, arm in arm, step across Main street and are wedded. The fugitive commits a crime in Virginia, goes to the pavement on the other side of the street and talks defiantly to the officer on the opposite side who has a warrant for his arrest. A misstep or too bold disposition will sometimes, however, bring him to grief. Several instances have occurred of a fugitive being hustled across the line by a party prepared while in the act of holding such a conversation, and they tell of a man who defiantly perched himself on a pile of store boxes within six feet of the line, jeering the officers on the other side, but, unfortunately for him, some law-abiding citizens tilted the boxes, and when he reached the ground he was in the other State.

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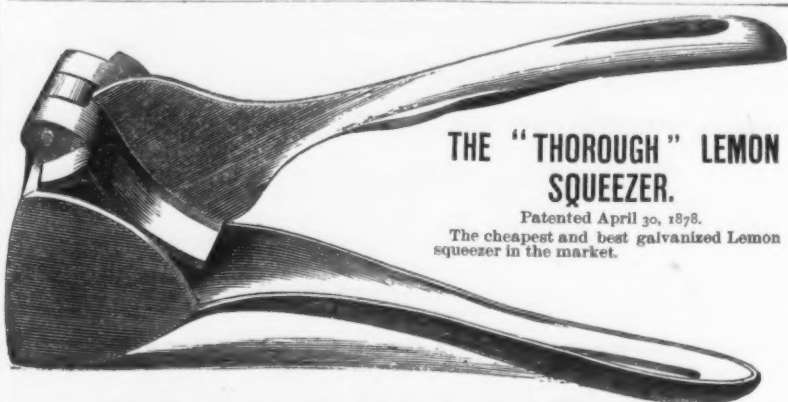
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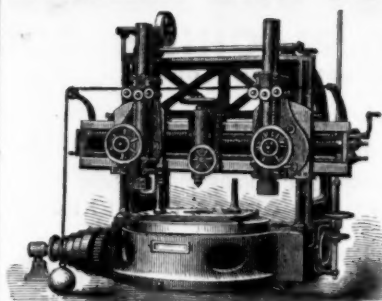
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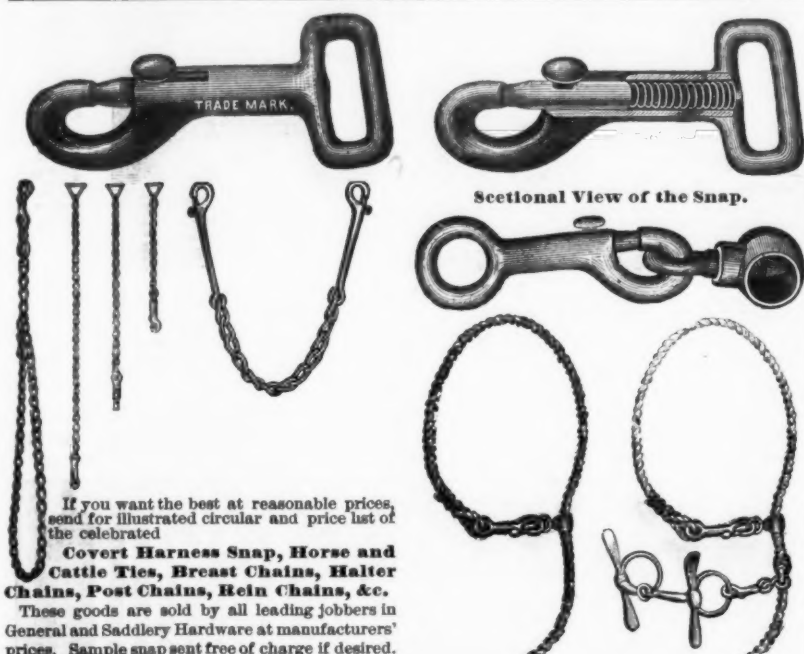
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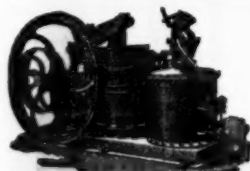
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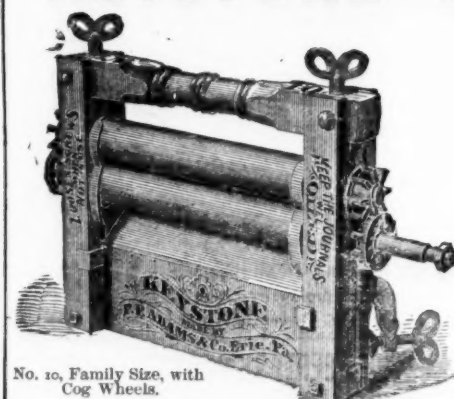


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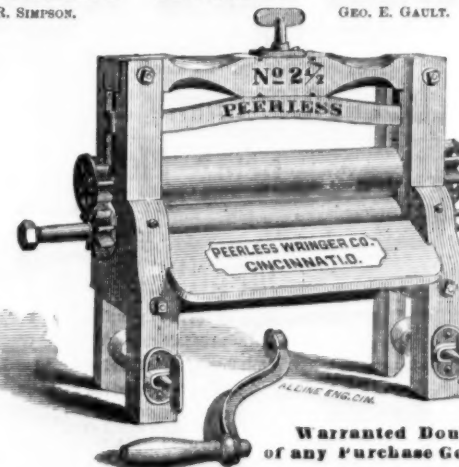
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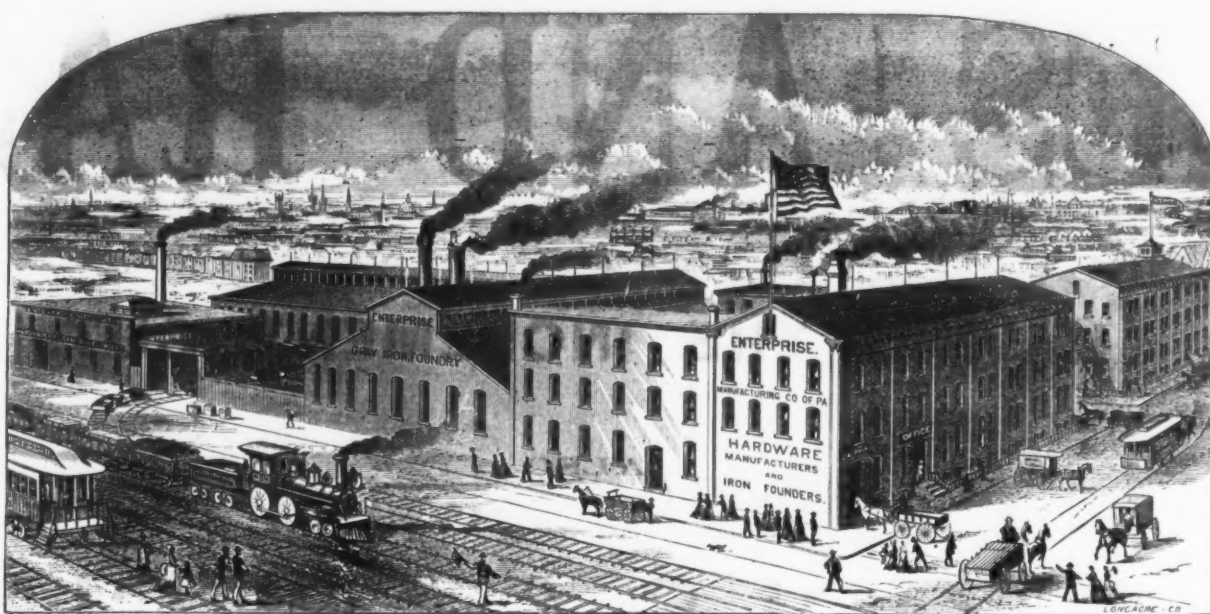
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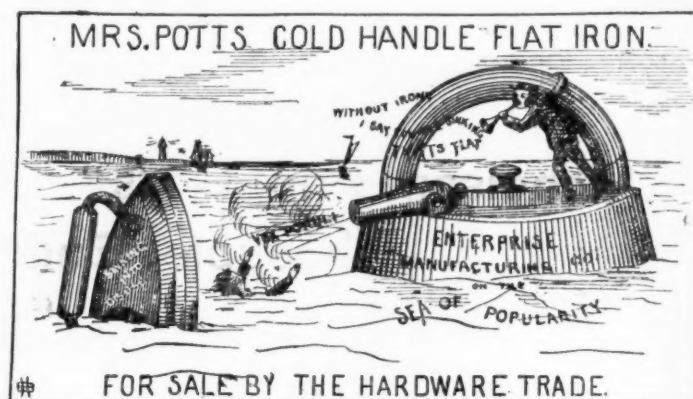
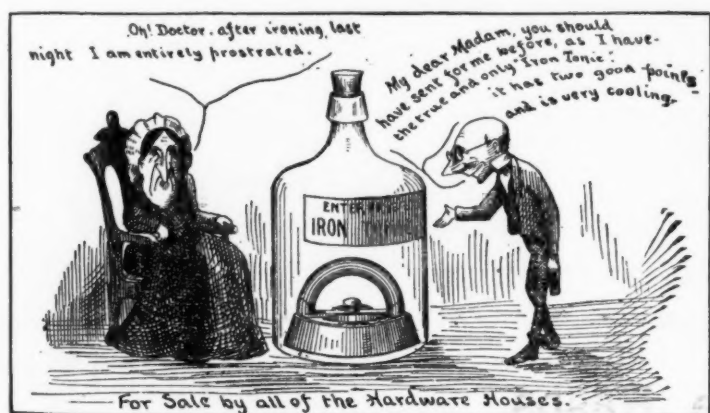
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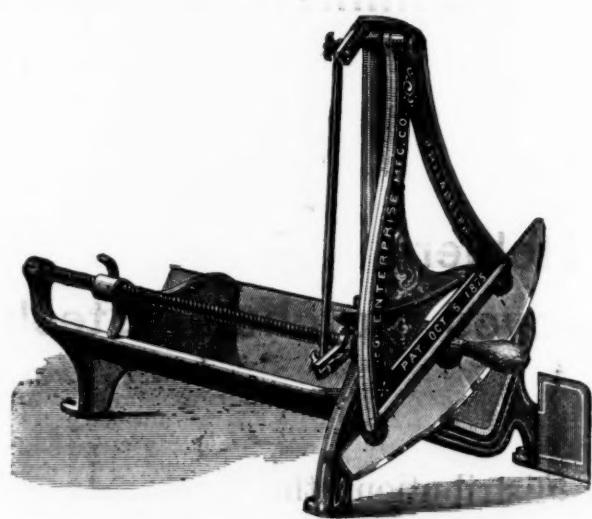
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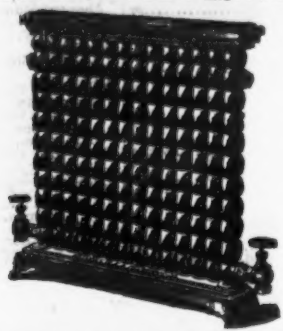
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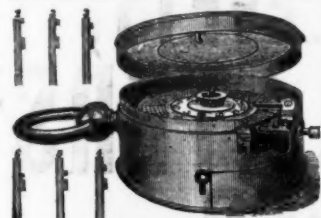
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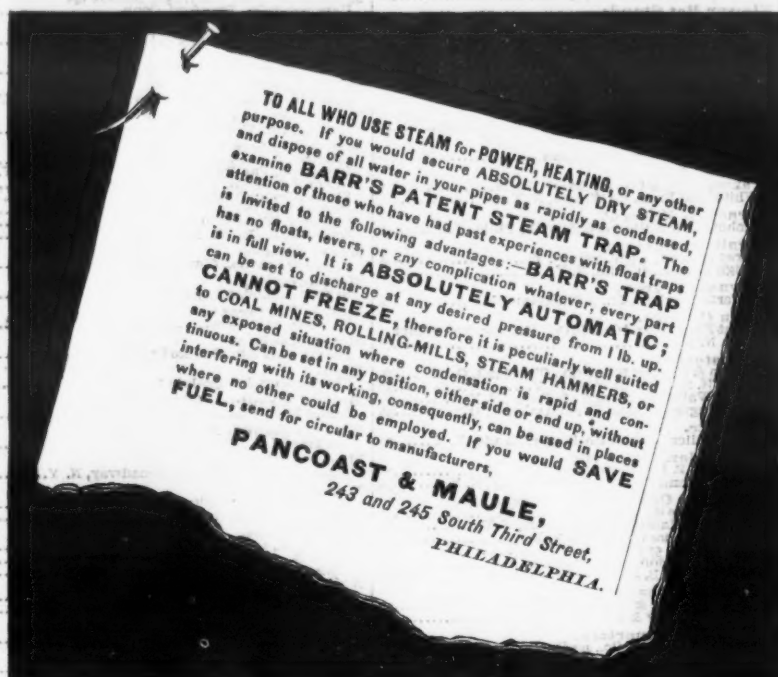
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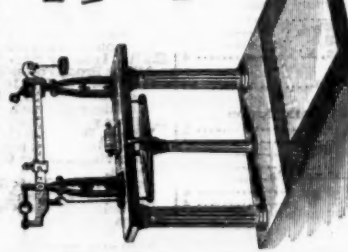
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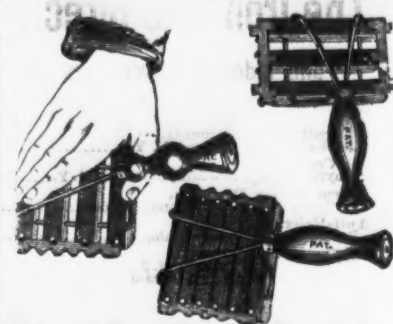


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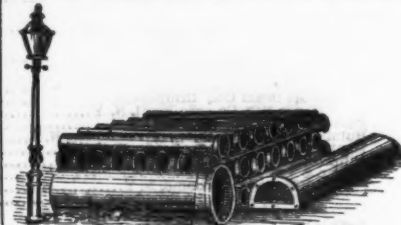
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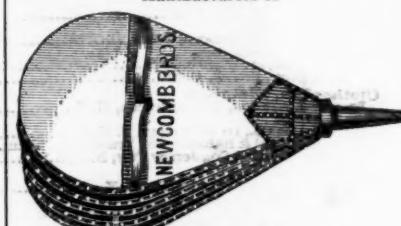
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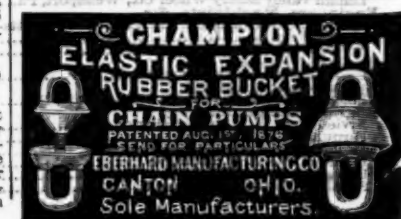
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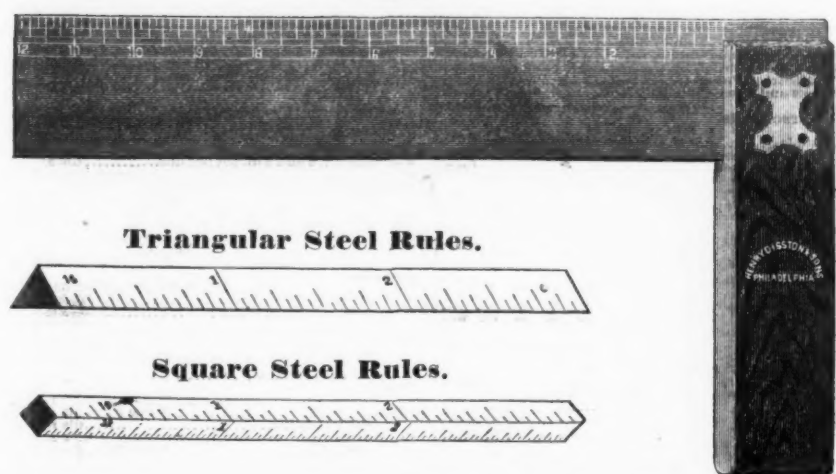
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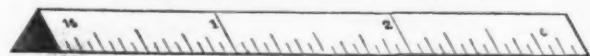
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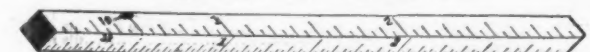
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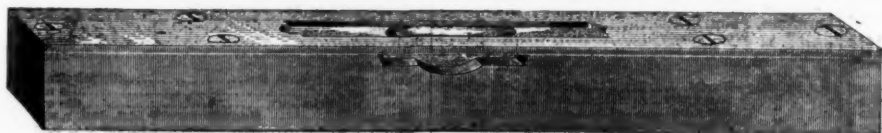
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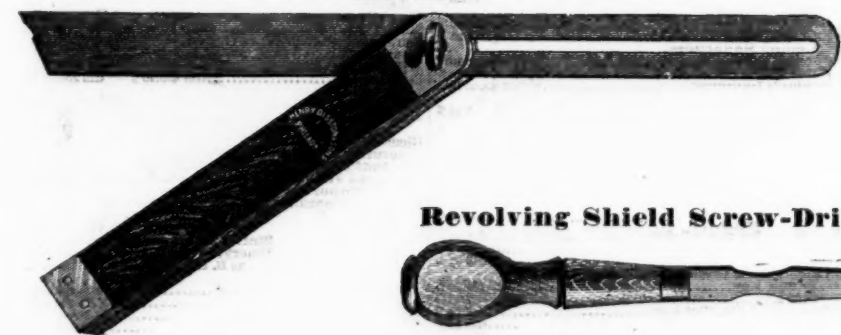
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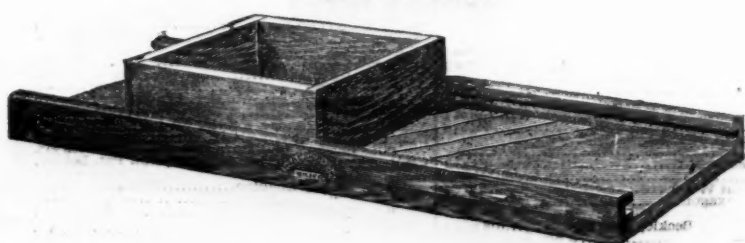
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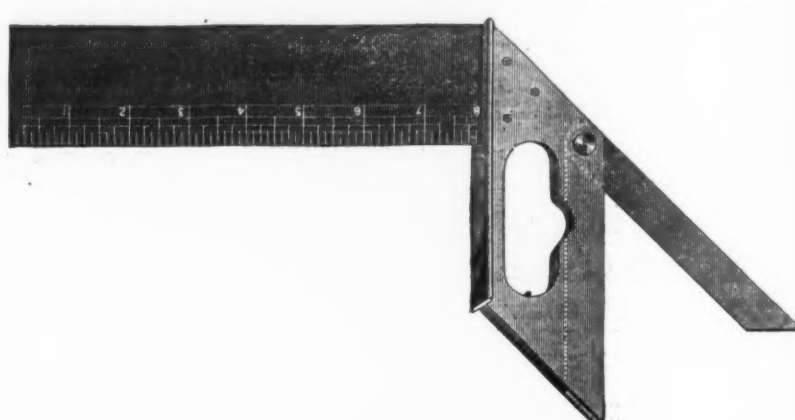
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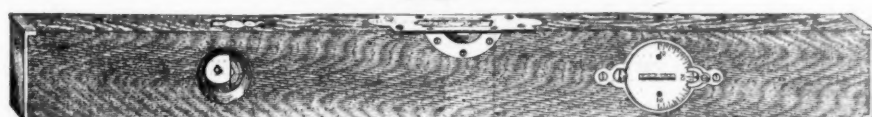
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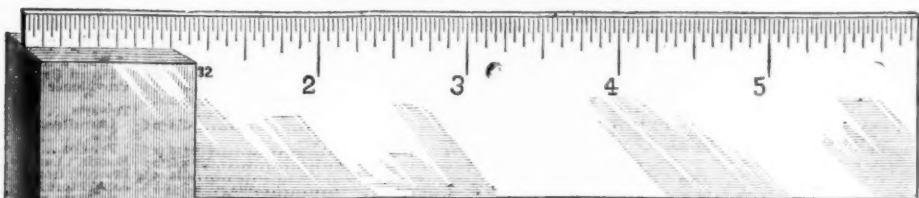
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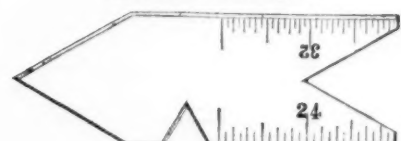
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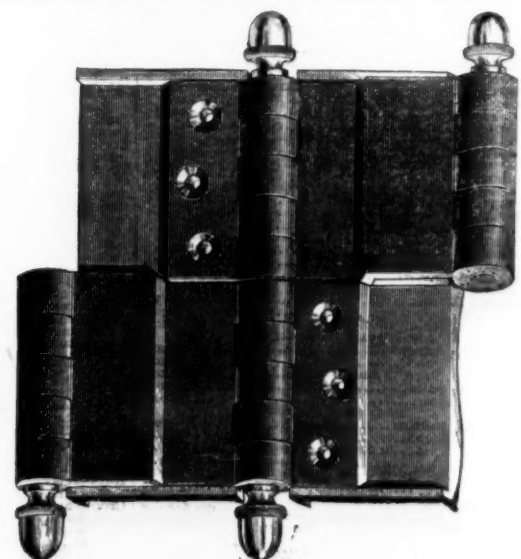
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Malleable	7.25	8.00
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" Tinned "		dls 50
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Steel		dls 15
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<b>Rods.</b>		
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22 to 24 x 36.....	19.75	17.25	14.50	12.75
28 to 24 x 36.....	21.00	18.50	15.75	13.25
37 to 26 x 44.....	23.25	21.25	17.50	15.25
40 to 30 x 50.....	24.00	22.50	18.00	15.75
52 to 30 x 54.....	25.75	23.25	19.25	16.75
58 to 34 x 58.....	27.25	25.00	21.75	18.25
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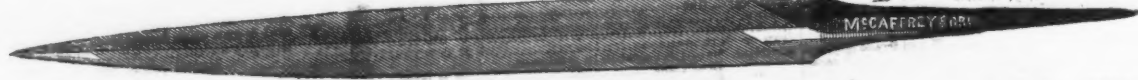
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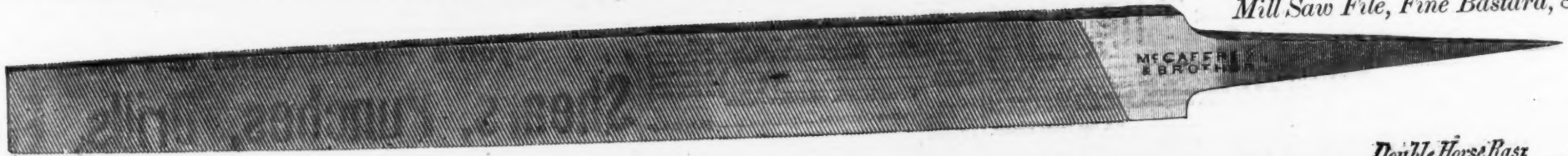
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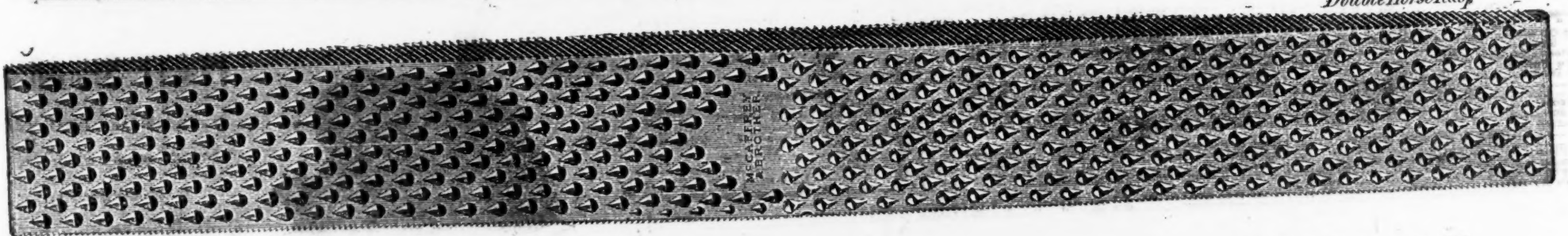
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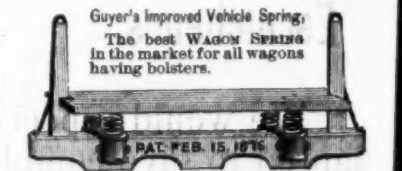
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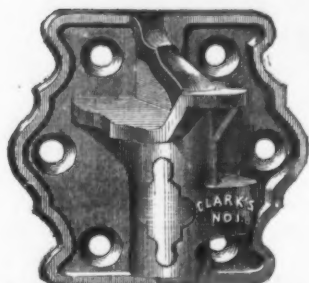
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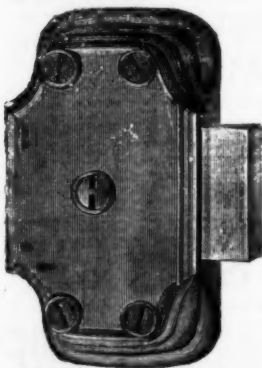
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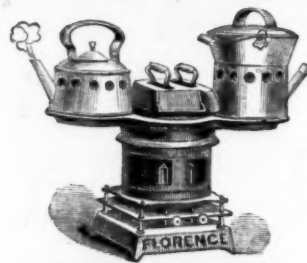


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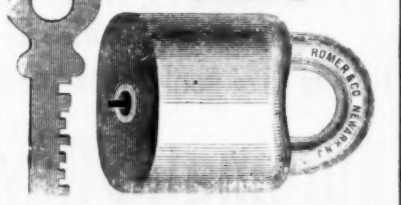
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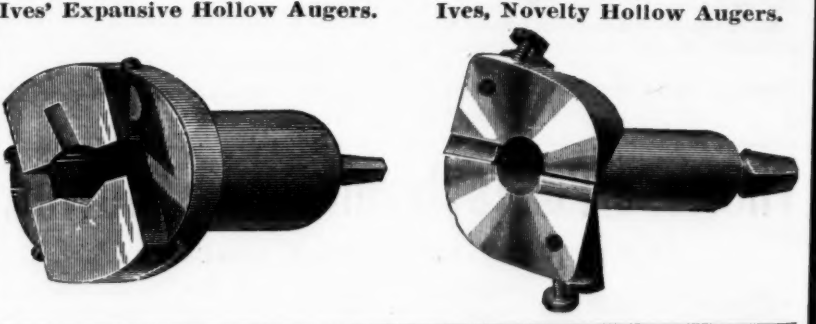
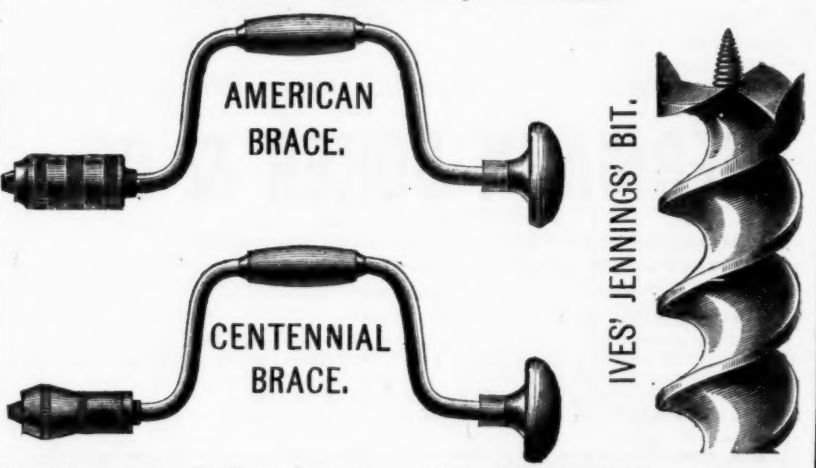
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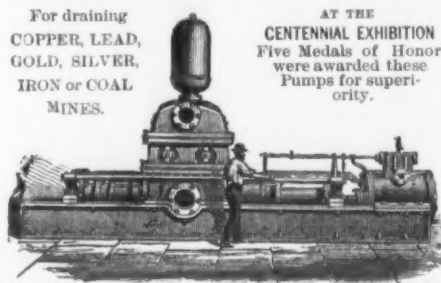




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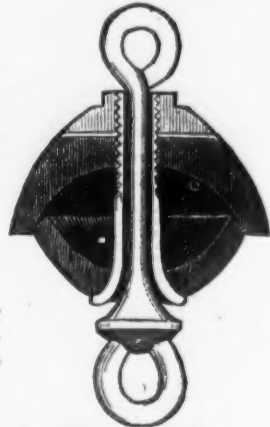
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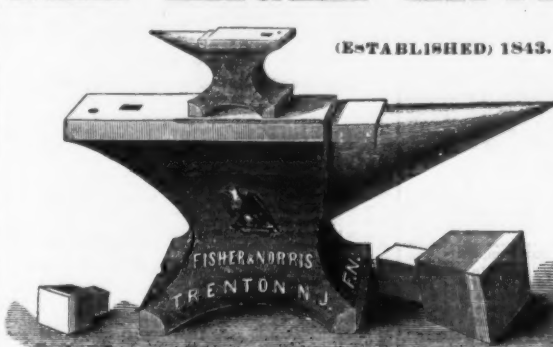
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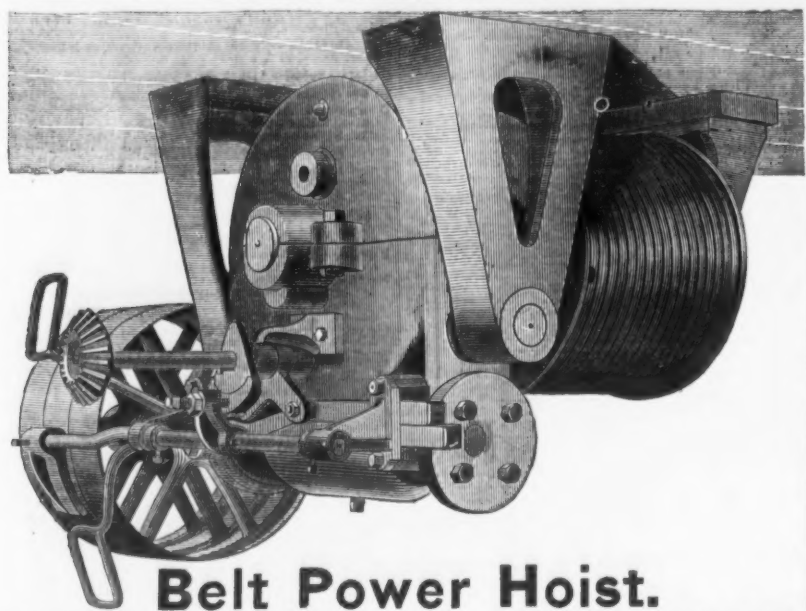
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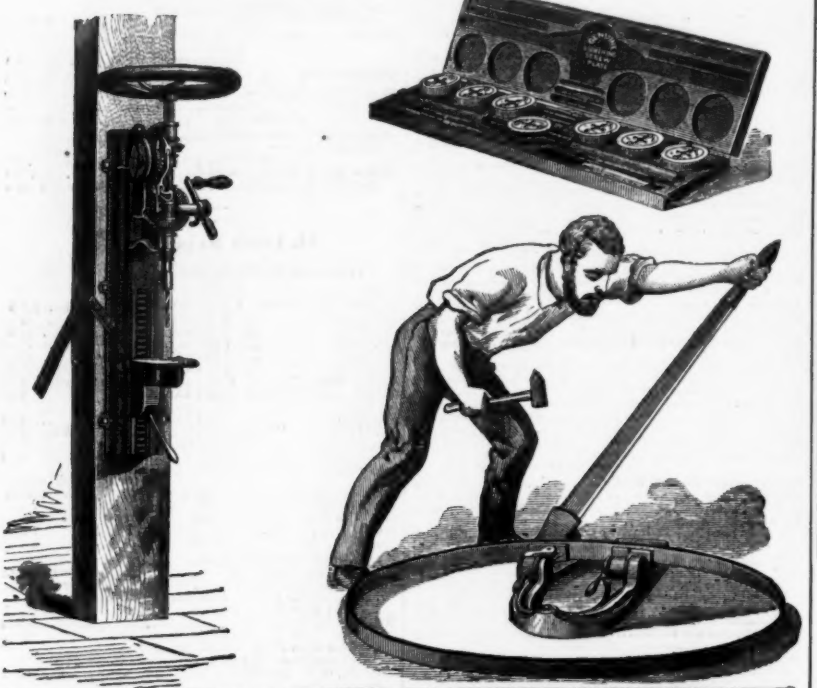
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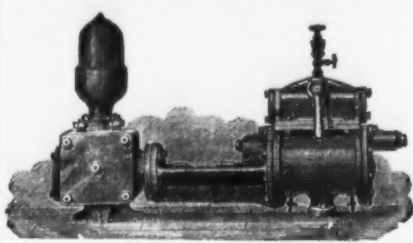
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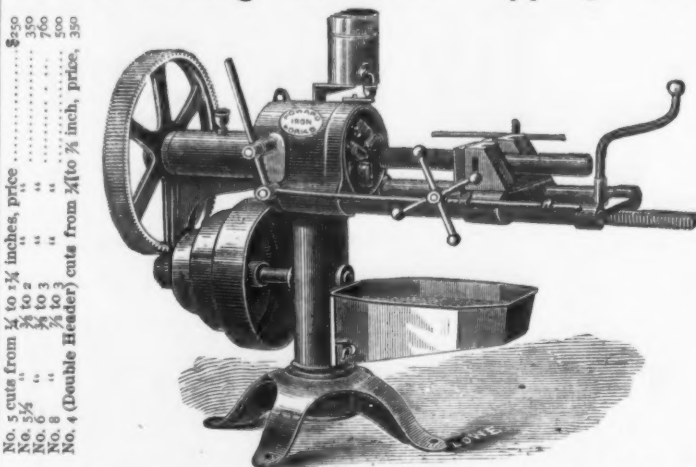
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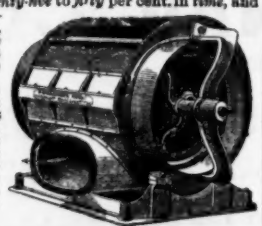
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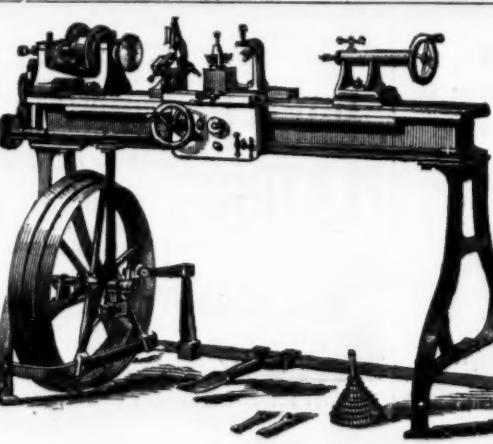
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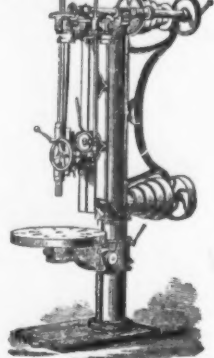
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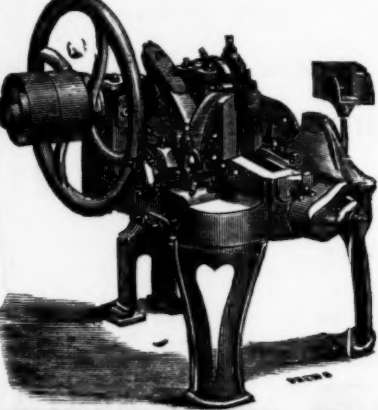
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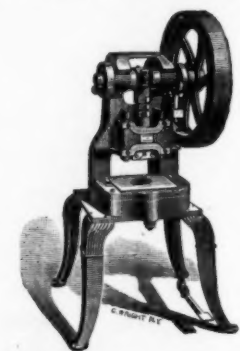


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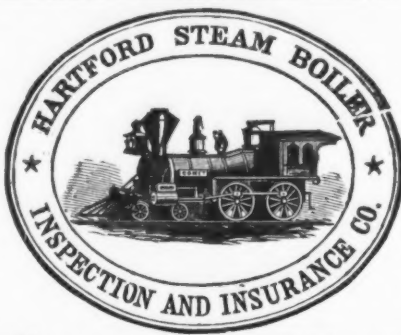
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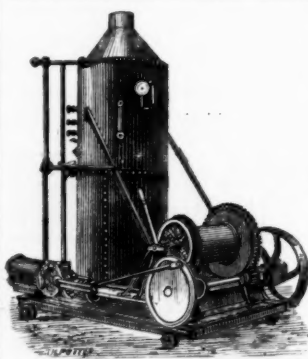
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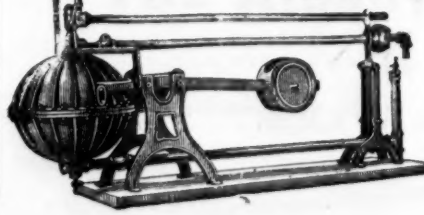
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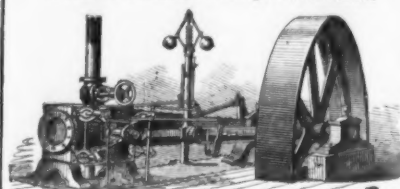


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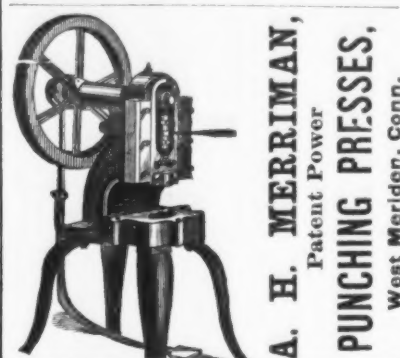
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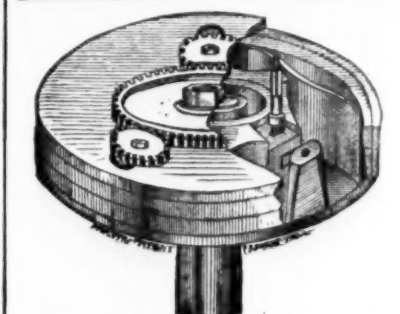
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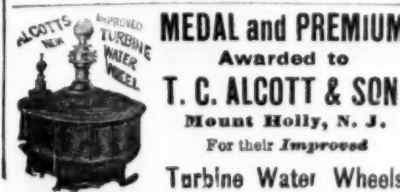
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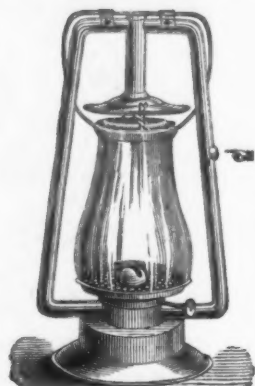
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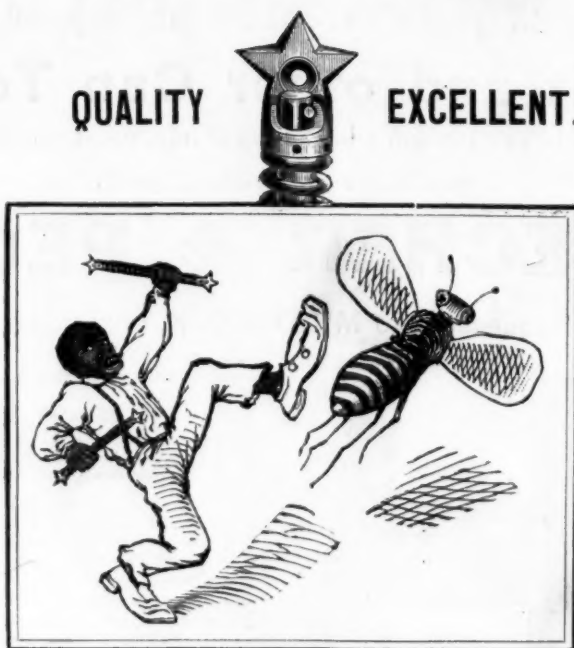
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